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DOIHARA ARRIVAL DISCREDITED

Rumours of the arrival in Hong Kong of Major-General Doihara, the not very successful Puppet-Maker, are discredited by authoritative quarters.

The Japanese Consulate-General declared that they had not been informed of any such visit, made or impending.

Other official sources confirmed that the report is without foundation.

GERMAN TIBET EXPEDITION GOING TO LHASA

Berlin, To-day.

Dr. Ernst Schaefer, the leader of the German Tibet Expedition, in a report to the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" from Bangkok, says that the expedition, following successful exploration work in Sikkim, has been invited by the Regent of Tibet, to visit Lhasa.

It is the first time that such an invitation has been extended to German explorers.

The expedition consists of the five German explorers, Dr. Ernst Schaefer, Dr. Karl Wienert, Ernst Krause, Edmund Geer, Bruno Berger, twelve native servants and interpreters and 50 animals.

The expedition hopes to reach Lhasa at the end of January, 1939.

The official invitation provides for a fortnight's visit to Lhasa during which the German scientists will have the opportunity to attend the Tibetan New Year's celebration, the greatest festival of Tibet, at the beginning of February. The expedition will remain for another year in Tibet and the neighbouring countries before returning to Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

TWELVE DEATHS

New York, To-day.

The cold weather in the United States has caused twelve deaths.—Reuter.

NEXT NAZI BLOW PLANNED FOR HOLLAND?

London, To-day.

Light comes from the East, says Vernon Bartlett in an article in the "News Chronicle" this morning, entitled "Three Hopeful Signs for 1939."

The masses of Chinese migrating westwards across the burned brown plains before the advancing Chinese may yet save us from another war.

With hardly a slogan about democracy in their heads and still less experience of it in their lives, they are fighting our battle while Mr. Chamberlain makes appeasing and ineffectual concessions.

The failure of the British and French to see that greater quantities of arms have reached the Chinese armies may, in the long run, be to the advantage of China.

Chinese taxation per head has increased only 30 per cent. since the war began, while in Japan it has risen 160 per cent.

Chinese victory may be delayed in consequence, but it will be victory.

JAPAN'S CASUALTIES
Japanese casualties hitherto are 740,000, and although governments can wage war for a short time without gold, Japan's reserves are now practically exhausted.

The British and American Governments are recovering courage and are allowing a trickle of financial help to reach China.

The City is not likely to do much to rescue the Tokyo Government.

The Russians are again showing activity in the Far East. The breakdown of the fishery negotiations may have important results.

CORNER OF TRIANGLE
1939 may quite probably see the open and utter failure of the Tokyo corner of the triangle, Germany, Italy and Japan.

The other two encouraging factors are Spain and American abandonment of her isolation.

Mr. Bartlett says that another six months of the Civil War in Spain will bring terrible suffering to Barcelona but will bring disruption and defeat to Burgos.

He declares the real danger is in Western Europe.

NAZI CRISIS
The internal German situation is now so bad that there must be some new victory by April or the complete disappearance of the bullying attitude when dictators talk to democrats.

Very important Nazi leaders believe that the next move will be against Holland or Belgium, but probably against Holland.

Mr. Bartlett concludes: "I believe that out of a crisis every

TENSION IN TOKYO RELATIONS WITH POWERS

Tokyo, To-day.

The leading Japanese financial daily, "Chugai Shogyo," forecasts that in 1939 the prevailing political uncertainty in Europe will continue.

Britain and America, the newspaper says, will not change their attitude towards Japan, while the Japanese military operations will not end.

The present business depression and erratic market conditions in Japan will continue.

Mr. Wang Ching-wel's flight will "prove a step towards the Kuomintang's decomposition," but China's reconstruction movement will make headway.

It is hardly possible that the stock market will worsen despite strengthening of the control and tension in Japanese diplomatic relations with the big Powers.—Reuter.

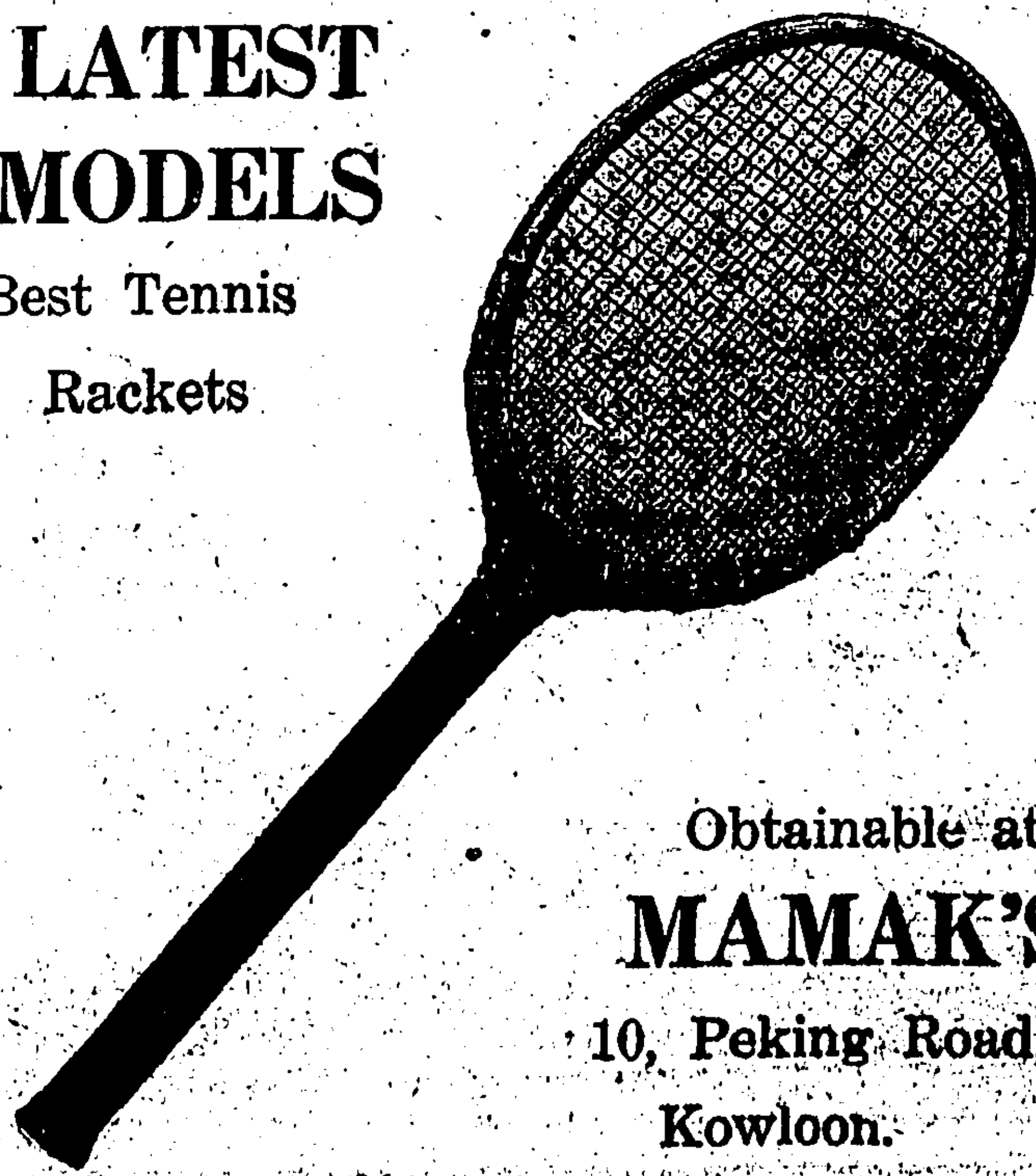
bit as harrowing as last September, the democracies will emerge triumphant, and then we shall be able to talk peace instead of appeasement." — Reuter.

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Blood and Soil

We Wish for No Other God Than Germany—Hitler

HITLER comes of peasant stock. His father's name was a variation of Huttler, a cottar. His mother, it is said, was Czech by descent.

"MEIN KAMPF"

Hitler will show you his hands, white, shapely, soft. "These were not meant to dig," he says. Nor do they dig. Hitler is *bone-lazy*. It is his brain that leaps and whirls, generating astonishing energy. Not for Hitler the joyful sweating at the harvest of that other dictator, and other son of the soil, Mussolini.

But Hitler's *Mein Kampf* has not overlooked the Land, nor has that still earlier dispensation, the Twenty-Five Unalterable Nazi Points. The peasant returns to his earth.

Point Three demands land and territory "for the nourishment of our people and the settling of our superfluous population." Point Eight demands the end of all non-German immigration. Point Seventeen declares for land reform, the end of all speculation in land, the abolition of interest on land loans, and the confiscation of land without compensation "for communal purposes."

The lower peasants, who voted steadily for Hitler, thought that the last item meant an agrarian revolution something like the Russians had put over. They believed that it was the death signal for the great Junker estates.

Hitler had to explain (to the upper peasants and the landowners) that it meant only confiscation of land "illegally acquired" by Jews, for example. In practice the only land that has been seized since Hitler rose to power is that along the Rhine borderland, which is required for the fortifications of the Siegfried Line.

Grow Food And Defeat Blockade

The Hitler land policy, however, does aim at a re-birth of agricul-

ture. The reasons are manifold but they are of a piece.

(i) The cutting-off of German colonies and world trade compelled her to pay more heavily for imported food. It drove the nation more deeply into the debt of "the international moneylenders who provide credits." A home agriculture was the only escape.

(ii) Without "a larder of growing food" the German nation would be once more laid open to the terrible weapon of starvation by blockade.

(iii) The strongest counterpart that could be raised against the money-power of the Jew exploiters and middlemen at home would be a well-founded and stable agriculture.

(iv) The land provides the outlet for the millions of unemployed Germans, "the most truly possessionless class." The land would give them a stake in the country, and would give the country a stake in them. Rome's frontiers were held by ex-soldier colonists. Against the rush of the barbarians they interposed their bodies and those of their families.

(v) The country population as a whole is the "bearer of the inheritance of health, the source of the nation's youth, and the backbone of its armed strength."

Beggars Glared At The Rich

The question of land gives Hitler a chance to draw the whip across the back of Germany's pre-war rulers once more. When they renounced the idea of conquering land for the

craze of "peaceful penetration by trade," they gave a fresh spurt to the harmful over-industrialisation of Germany. The factory workers were multiplied, the farm labourers reduced, the proletariat was born, seed bed for Marxist lies.

The misery of the proletariat indeed was real enough, says Hitler, who lived it himself. And the contrasts in that world of capitalism-run-wild were hardly less painful. Hitler raved about it. Abundance and utter want dwelt side by side. The beggars glared with increasing hatred through the windows of the rich man's coach. The very worst thing happened. Lack of money inflamed the poor. Superfluity of it corrupted the rich. The vile cancer infected even the Imperial circle, and the plutocrats gained access to the Kaiser's ear. The money bags ruled, and the nobility of the sword abdicated.

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Back to the land! Back to the land! Save the peasantry! *Mein Kampf* sounded the battle cries. They were bawled through the Munich beer halls, along the Hamburg streets, they echoed in the Black Forest, over the Harz Mountains, across the long Prussian plain.

"History shows that it was the Germanisation of the LAND, which our forefathers won with the sword, which brought true profit, for it was colonised with German farmers and German families. Whenever foreign blood has been introduced into the body of our nation its unhappy effect has been to break up our national character."

Now he is fairly launched, and on the familiar central theme! Race! Blood—and soil, Culture, Civilisation, these are not rooted in language—a German-speaking Negro is still a Negro, and a German-speaking Jew can only be a Jew—it is inherent in blood. Races which possess creative talent have these qualities latent within them, however unfavourable circumstances may be to their full development at one moment.

German Would Flower, Not Rot, In The Sun

Thus it is outrageous to represent the pre-Christian Germanic tribes as barbarians. The harsh climate of their northern home forced them to live as they did. But if there had been no classic antique world and the Germans had migrated to the warm south and obtained there the technical aids then available—that is, inferior slave races (who were, in fact, exploited by the Mediterranean States), then the world would have witnessed a flowering of culture as splendid as that which actually happened in ancient Greece.

The soil must ever have an immense influence on mankind. The inferior quality of a soil may urge one race on to the highest achievements: it may result in discouraging another so that they sink back, undernourished and poor in spirit. But this very thing only proves that important as the soil is, the heart of the men who till it is the vital thing. It is all part of Man's struggle. "He who wants to live must fight. And he who will not fight does not deserve to live. The world is not for chicken-hearted races."

Race Is Kneaded By Contact With Its Soil

The purely practical policy of putting men back on the land began to be invested with the mystic ideas which are never far from the German mind. The blood-and-soil mixture had to be consecrated.

Hitler began to speak of the New Nobility of the Soil. Land settlement, declared Walter Darre, leader of the Nazi Land Crusade, has nothing in common with the Communist idea of creating a peasant proletariat.

A strange, picturesque, powerful figure is Darre, born in the Argentine. Hitler owes the blood-and-soil idea to him as he owes the idea of industrial (German) capital and finance (Jewish) capital to Feder. Darre preached to Hitler that a race is kneaded by its contact with the soil it dwells on, that the blood is actually tempered by the local earth. That fitted exactly in with the Hitler conception of the pure Germanic tribes who first occupied the virgin land of the great German forests. It drove down of the very core of the German Folk legend.

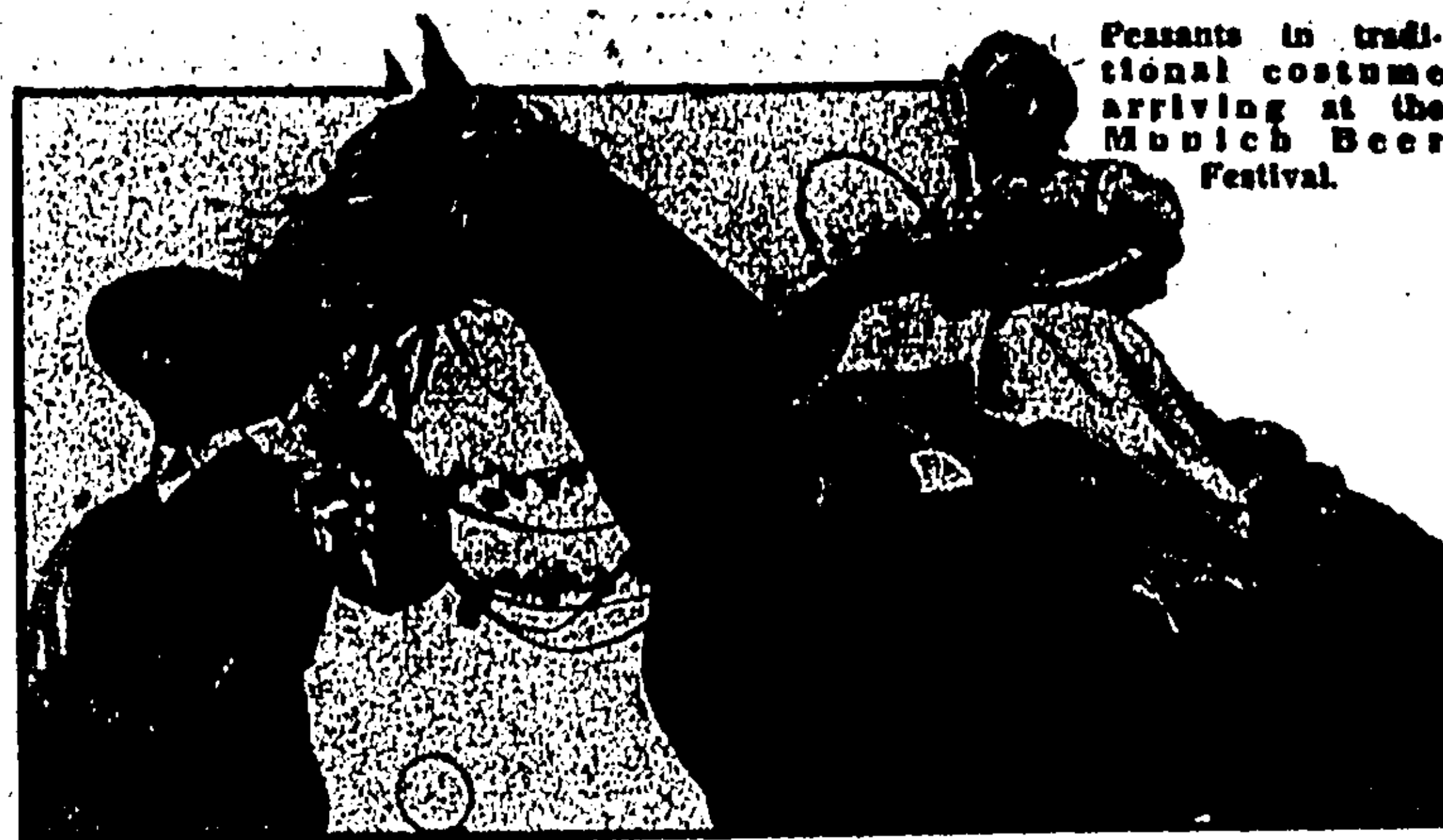
Hitler determined to re-create this virile German Tribe. It was to be a race within the Race, the innermost heart of Germany. They were to hold land, not on a money basis, but on the footing of service, the proper cultivation of the soil. A law of inheritance was to prevent the subdivision of the family estate and to make mortgage impossible. The settlers were to be selected on the grounds of physique—and blood purity.

More than a policy, a philosophy, was required to establish this conception. The minor prophets, Darre (the soil expert) and Rosenberg (the race expert) were turned on to the job. Peasant pageants, feasts and rallies were arranged.

Blood-and-Soil came up to the philosophy mark and passed it. It entered the sphere of religion. Hitler burst forth, "The only God that the German people need is Germany."

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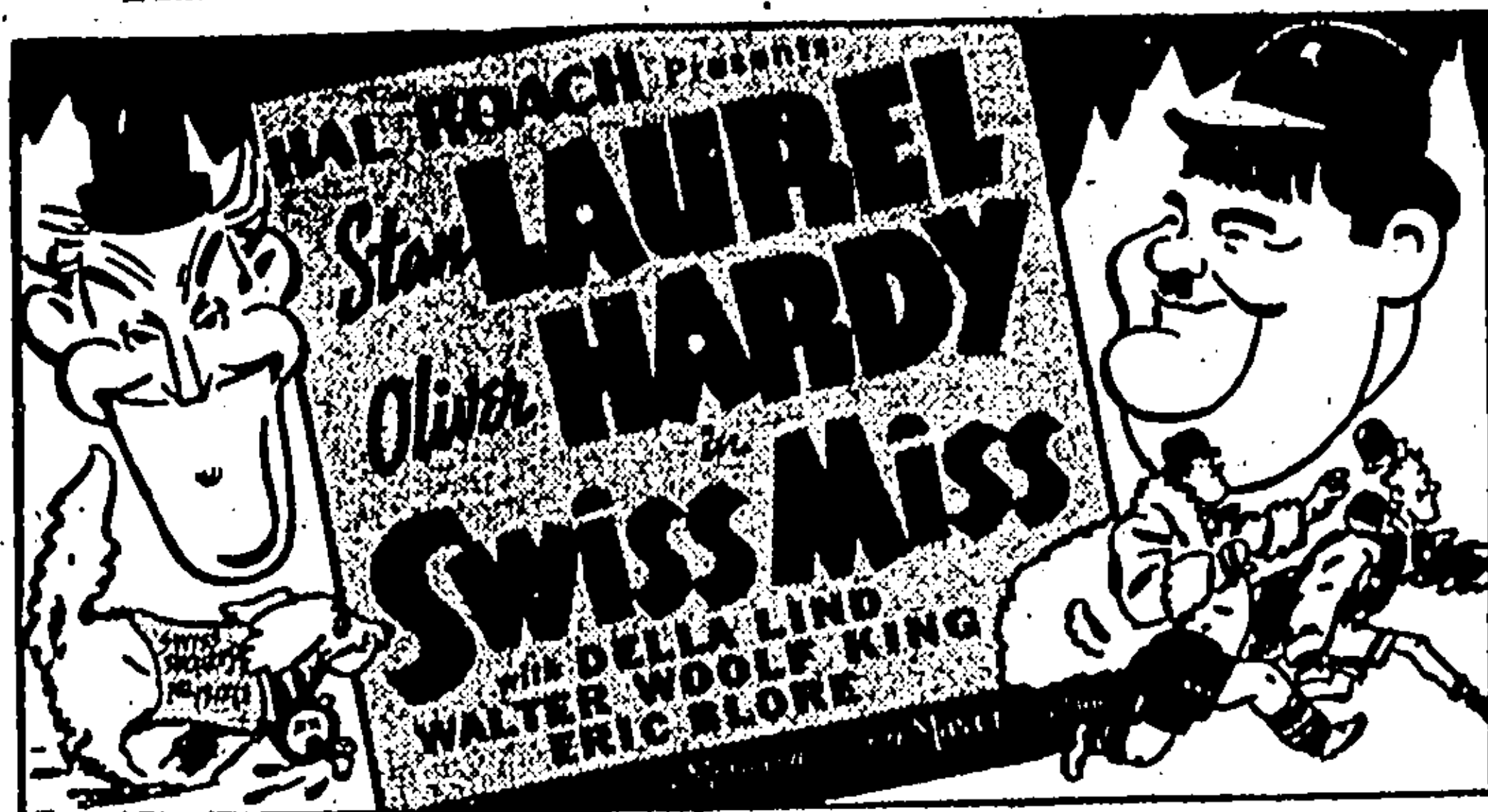
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dern Ballroom Tango.
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Kweilin, To-day.

Eighteen Japanese planes,
passing over Wuchow and Siujen,
bombed Liuchow, yesterday. They
rained about 50 bombs.—Central
News.**THREE YEARS
FOR TRAFFICKER
IN FORGED NOTES**STATING THAT ACCUSED
HAD BEEN FOUND GUILTY
ON THE CLEAREST OF
EVIDENCE, SIR ATHOLL
MACGREGOR, AT THE CRI-
MINAL SESSIONS THIS
MORNING, SENTENCED A
RICE DEALER, HUI CHI-
SHAN, 48, TO THREE YEARS'
HARD LABOUR FOR UTTER-
ING TWO FORGED \$50 BANK
NOTES AND FOR POSSESSION
OF SIX FORGED \$50 BANK-
NOTES.The jury were Messrs. E. L. Hosie
(Foreman), Tai Fook-lam, E. C. F.
Curtis, Fung Lu-cheung, Ho Shun-hing,
Li Chiu-lung and Seah Cheow-hong.Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, sub-
mitted that the issues which had to be
proved would establish beyond all
doubt the guilt of prisoner because the
Police set a trap into which he walked.In November, the Police received in-
formation concerning the traffic in
forged bank-notes. A meeting was
held in the Yaumati Police Station, at-
tended by Lam Siu, Woo Shik-po,
Chinese detective C450 and Acting Sub-
Inspector C. Mottram and certain
plans were discussed. The numbers of
ten genuine \$10 bank-notes were taken
and the notes given to Woo.Lam crossed the harbour to
Hong Kong in search of Chan Sau-
kau. Lam went to a cafe in Con-
naught Road Central, where he met
accused.They went to the On Lok Yuen Cafe
in Yaumati, and met Woo, who posed
as a prospective purchaser. Accused
promised to return with the notes
later in the evening.He and Lam then returned to the
Hong Kong side. They went to the
Praya cafe and accused asked Lam to
wait. He later asked Lam to go with
him to Wing Sing Street, and there he
told Lam to wait at the corner while
he went to get the forged bank-notes.
Fifteen minutes later, they went to-
gether to the On Lok Yuen Cafe in
Yaumati.**TWO NOTES**Woo joined them and accused pro-
duced six forged bank-notes. He said
he had been selling them for years.
Woo said he would purchase two and
asked what they would cost. Accused
replied \$12 for each \$50 note. Woo
produced \$24, including two \$10 notes,
the numbers of which had already been
recorded by Acting Sub-Inspector
Mottram.Accused put the money in his poc-
ket and handed over in exchange two
of the forged bank-notes.The Police walked in and arrested
accused.**ACCUSED'S CHALLENGE**At the conclusion of Lam's evidence,
accused remarked "He is telling lies
from beginning to end."Accused: "You previously asked me
where one could get forged bank-notes
and heroin?"—"I asked about bank-
notes but not about heroin.""You got the forged notes from a
woman, Chat Koo, in the street your-
self?"—"I did not.""Did you not take the notes across
the harbour yourself?"—"No."Woo Chik-po was also cross-exami-
ned by accused.Accused: "Was it not a fact that
Lam forced the ten-dollar notes into
my pocket and immediately afterwards
the police arrived?"—"No, you put
the notes into your pocket yourself."**"SERIOUS OATH"**Accused: "Since the witness denies
everything, I am prepared to take a
serious oath."After Sergeant W. C. Morrison had
testified concerning the arrest and
search of accused in the On Lok
Yuen Cafe, accused declared: "I have
never seen this man before."Accused cross-examined the Chinese
Detective, Ho Ping:"Is not a fact that the forged notes
were not found in my pocket. They
were falling out?"—"No.""Sub-Inspector Mottram was pre-
sent?"—"No.""I put it to you that it was not
Sergeant Morrison, but Sub-Inspector
Mottram?"—"It was Sergeant Mor-
rison."In the witness-box, Sub-Inspector
Mottram denied that he went to On
Lok Yuen.He drove accused in a car to Hong
Kong but not from the On Lok Yuen
Cafe to the Yaumati Police Station.

Accused: "If you deny that you were

**SOCIALISTS IN
FRANCE IN RIFT
OVER POLICY**

Paris, To-day.

In a vote on three resolutions
on foreign policy, submitted to
the plenary session of the Extra-
ordinary National Party Con-
gress of the French Socialist
Party by Leon Blum, Paul Faure
and the "Integral Pacifist" group,
respectively, M. Blum's resolu-
tion obtained 4,322 votes, that of
M. Paul Faure 2,837 votes, with
1,014 abstentions, and that of the
integral Pacifists only 60 votes.The vote was taken shortly after
three o'clock on Tuesday morning
after a lengthy debate during
which representatives of the vari-
ous groups presented their view-
point.The representative of the In-
tegral Pacifist group declared him-
self opposed to rearmament efforts
of any kind, and demanded a dis-
armament gesture instead.Several delegates made a last at-
tempt to find a compromise formula
between M. Blum and M. Faure's
resolutions.Immediately before the vote, the
Secretary-General of the Socialist
Party, Paul Faure, mounted the
rostrum.M. Faure declared that he would
continue to defend his ideas within
the party even in the event of de-
feat of his resolution.He emphasised that friendship be-
tween himself and M. Blum was
not affected by the fact that they
didn't see eye to eye in matters of
foreign policy.Paul Faure then pointed out that
the Munich Agreement had not
been sufficiently exploited for pur-
poses of peace. He warned
against an armament race in which
the totalitarian states were bound
to emerge as winners since Ger-
many's "war potential" was far
greater than France's.He therefore recommended con-
tinuation of the endeavours for
appeasement and a peace gesture
by the French Government.—
Trans-Ocean.**EMPLOYEE FINED**A fine of \$10 was imposed on a
car cleaner, Ng Sang-fuk, 24, by
Mr. E. Himsworth this morning for
stealing a piece of imitation lea-
ther from Mr. J. C. Power, of the
Hong Kong Motor Accessories Co.,
No. 55, Nathan Road.Det. Sgt. Cochrane, prosecuting,
said that defendant, who was em-
ployed by Mr. Power, was seen
leaving the company's entrance on
December 25, with a parcel. The
piece of leather was wrapped
inside.**SNATCH ATTEMPT**Mrs. N. A. Linjap, of No. 14,
Cameron Road, appeared at the
Kowloon Magistracy to testify in a
case in which Wong Foo-tong, a
Shanghai Chinese, was charged
with attempted theft of a handbag.Accused, said Mrs. Linjap, tried
to snatch her bag in Cameron Road
at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. He
failed and ran, but a Mr. Gonzolea
arrested him.Sentence of two months' hard
labour was passed.present at On Lok Yuen, I'll have to
go to jail, that's all."Ho Wing-siu, shroff of the Charter-
ed Bank testified that the six \$50
bank-notes were forgeries.The jury retired for five minutes
and found accused guilty.

ACCUSATION AGAINST BRITISH CONSULAR OFFICIAL MADE IN BURGOS

San Sebastian, To-day.

The assertion that the British consulate official was not entirely blameless in the recent sensational espionage plot which was discovered when incriminating documents were found in his luggage, is made by the director of the National Spanish press bureau, Senor Jimenez-Arnau, in an open letter to the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, published in "Unidad."

The writer first criticizes the portion of the British press which intimated that the suspicious documents were smuggled into the luggage by Spaniards without the knowledge of the consulate official, and appeals in this connection to the British sense of fairness.

It would be childish, asserts the writer, to expect the world to believe that British officials with entirely guiltless in the matter, and not only preposterous but malicious as well are the statements that the entire plot was engineered by National Spanish circles in order to divert public attention from alleged serious disorders in National Spain.

This attitude, he declares, automatically condemns those who have propagated it.

"We hope, however," concludes the writer, "that the Government of His Britannic Majesty will deal with the matter in an appropriate manner.—Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH FILM MAN ARRESTED

Paris, To-day.

Bernard Tanenzaff, well known as Bernard Natan, the French film company director, and two others, have been arrested on a charge of swindling and are detained in the Sante prison.

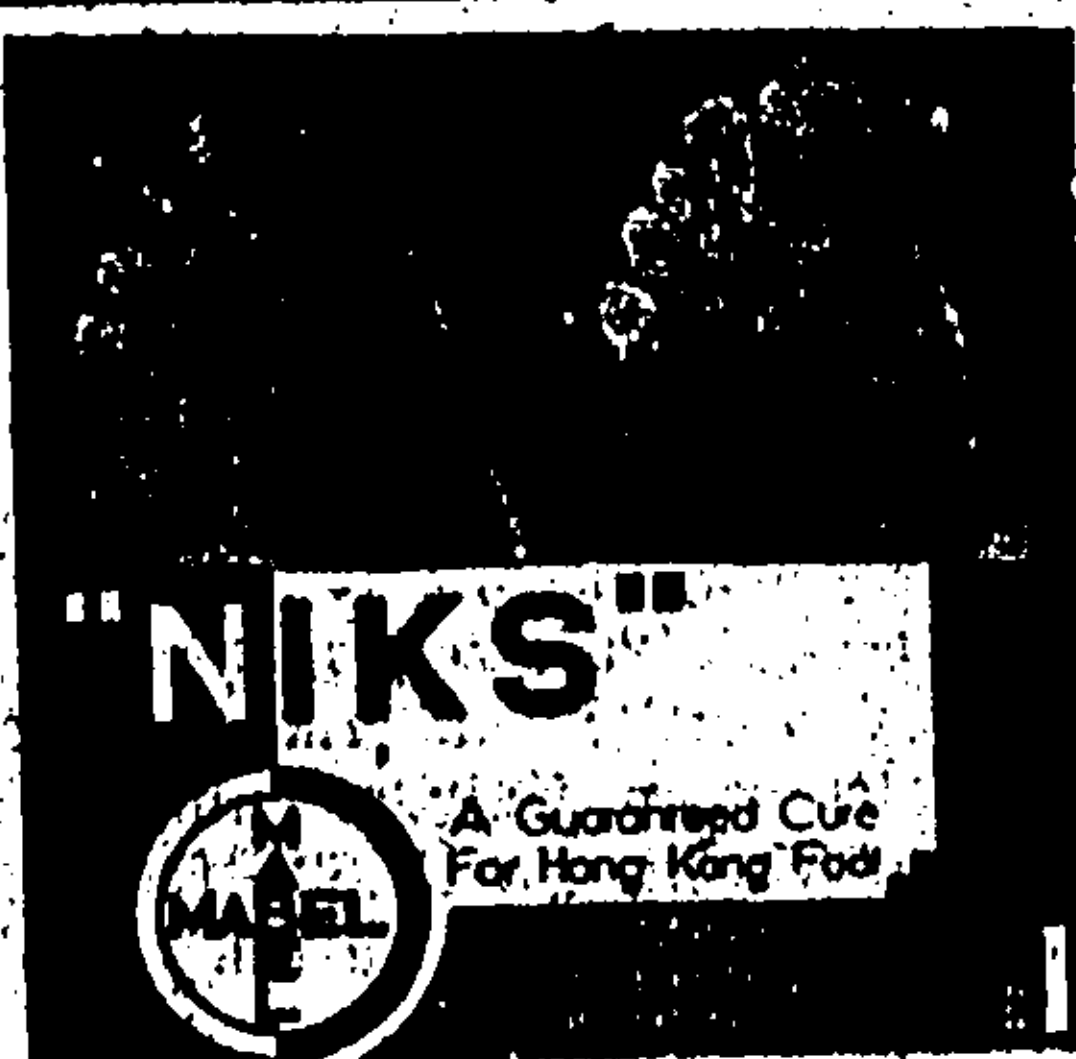
The sum involved, according to representatives of the shareholders, is several thousands sterling.

All three men deny the charges.—Reuter.

CHINA TO BROADCAST IN JAPANESE

Kwelyang, To-day.

Beginning from to-morrow, reports on the war situation in the Japanese language will be broadcast from the station here daily at 6.10—8.20 p.m. (Chungking time).—Central News.



ABBOT OF BUCKFAST DIES WITH TASK COMPLETED

London, To-day.

Dom Anscar Vonier, Lord Abbot of Buckfast, whose name will always be associated with the remarkable enterprise by which the Abbey Church was rebuilt on its old foundations at Buckfast by the work of the monks themselves over a period of 30 years, has died.

He was 63 and was convalescent from illness. He died in his sleep yesterday morning.

Only a few weeks ago the tower of the Abbey Church, which was reconsecrated in 1932 by Cardinal Bourne, was completed to the delight of the Abbot who saw his thirty-two-year old dream realised.—British Wireless.

WHOLESALE PURGE IN CHILE ADMINISTRATION

SANTIAGO-DE-CHILE, TO-DAY.

A WHOLESALE PURGE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND HIGH ARMY OFFICERS IS TAKING PLACE FOLLOWING INSTALLATION OF THE POPULAR FRONT GOVERNMENT ON DEC. 15.

The reorganisation involves the resignation of eight generals and the dismissal of most heads of departments and permanent under-secretaries.

Seventy-five per cent. of the Chilean Diplomatic Corps will be replaced.—Reuter.

CLYDESIDE'S GOOD YEAR

London, To-day.

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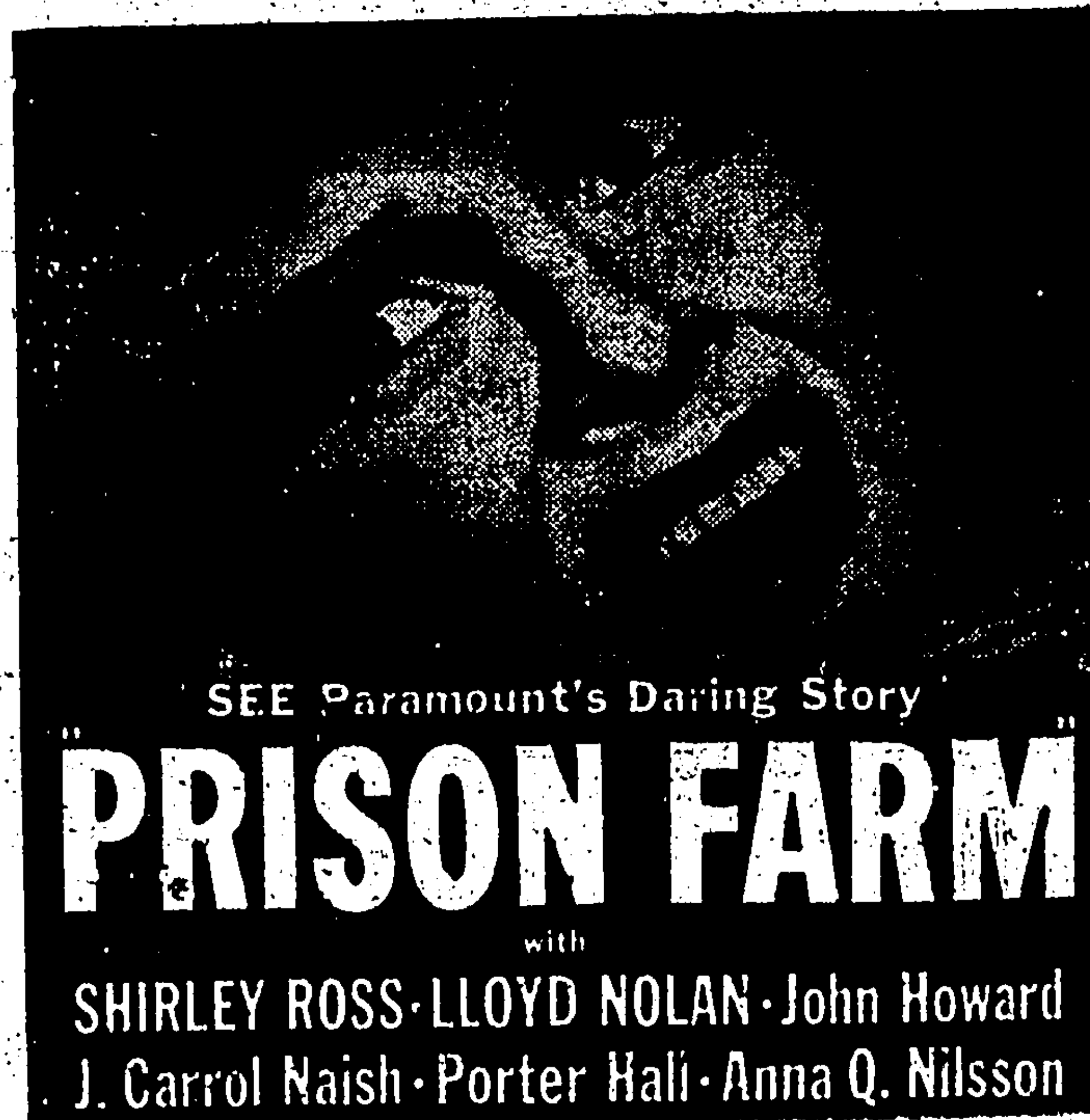
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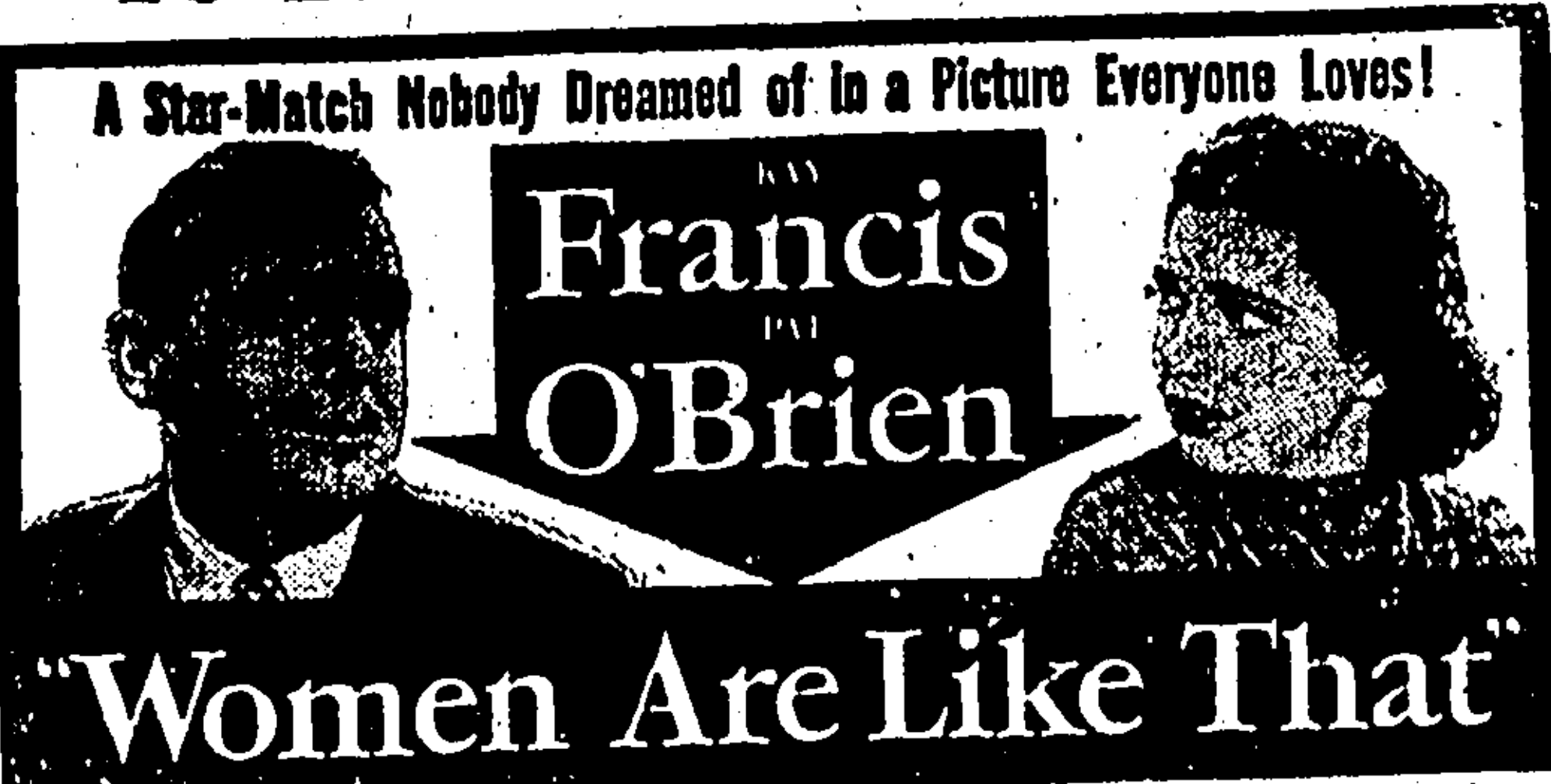
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ARAB AMBUSH OF MOTORCAR COLUMN

Jerusalem, To-day.

Arab irregulars ambushed a motorcar column which was proceeding from Jerusalem to Jaffa escorted by an armoured car. Four persons are reported to have been slightly wounded.

In Tiberias, a Jewish-owned wholesale concern was destroyed by fire.

In Nazareth, Arab irregulars opened fire on the police block-house.

There was a sharp exchange of shots between British military and Arab irregulars near the road leading from Nablus to Tulkarem. The Arab raiders made good their escape.

The South Palestine railway line in the neighbourhood of Barbars has been partially destroyed by bomb explosives.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN ACTION AGAINST JEWS

Berlin, To-day.

Of 3,750 Jewish retail shops in Berlin, 1,200 have been "judged suitable for Aryanisation" from January 1, according to the paper "Nachtausgabe," which states that 700 have already passed into Aryan hands while there have been no purchasers for the remaining 500.

All other formerly Jewish-owned shops will be definitely closed down, it having been proved that there is no demand for them.—Trans-Ocean.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains stationary over China and the neighbouring seas, and has increased slightly in intensity; pressure is relatively low over the East Indies.

Local forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; fine.

MUCH ACTIVITY IN FRENCH POLITICAL CIRCLES

Paris, To-day.

The day after Christmas was characterized by a post-holiday flourish of political activity in French Government and diplomatic circles, the Italian and Mediterranean problems having constituted one subject of consideration.

While M. Georges Bonnet was receiving the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, and informing him of the contents of French answer to the Italian note, which was handed to the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, on Monday by the French Ambassador in Rome, M. Francois Poncet, the French Resident-General in Tunis, Eric Labonne, was conferring with Premier Edouard Daladier in plans for the forthcoming visit to Tunis and Corsica.

Later in the day M. Daladier discussed the same subject with M. Bonnet and the Minister of Colonies, M. Mandel, who arrived at the War Ministry for a conference in company of the commander of French colonial troops, General Buehrer.

Although the final programme for the visit has not yet been drawn up, it is assumed that M. Daladier will remain only a few hours at Ajaccio, on Corsica, but will sojourn several days at Tunis visiting Tanis and probably also Gabes and the Tunisian Maginot Line, as well as the naval base at Biserta.

In the return journey it is believed that the Premier and his party will spend several hours in the harbour town of Algiers.—Trans-Ocean.

WANG URGED TO GO BACK TO CHUNGKING

Chungking, To-day.

The "Ta Kung Pao," writing in connection with the departure of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the Deputy Premier, for Hong Kong, says:

"Millions of men are fighting at the front and are unable to ask for leave. Those who have responsibilities in the rear must make every effort to carry on."

Concluding, the Chinese newspaper urges Mr. Wang Ching-wei to return immediately to Chungking to resume his work.—Reuter.

RAPID THAW IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

A steady and rapid thaw set in yesterday afternoon, and the traces of last week's severe weather are quickly disappearing.

Nevertheless, many isolated villages remain snowbound, and in Lincolnshire, gangs of labourers from fifty to a hundred strong, are working to cut a way through to stranded country-people with whom there has been no communication owing to interruption of the telephone service.—British Wireless.

SIR JAMES SEXTON PASSES

London, To-day.

Sir James Sexton, "the Dockers' M. P.," former Secretary-General of the National Union of Dock-labourers, past President of the T. U. C. and Labour Member for the St Helens division of Lancashire from 1918 to 1931, died yesterday in Liverpool aged 82.—British Wireless.

SIR C. HIGHAM DEAD

London, To-day.

Sir Charles Higham, pioneer in advertising and commercial publicity, died at his home in Surrey on Saturday, aged 62.—British Wireless.

MAGISTRATE'S COMMENT

"You should have more sense and lock your car," said Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at the Central Magistracy, to Chan Chan, motor driver, who appeared as complainant in a case in which Yau Yan, unemployed, was charged with the theft of a quantity of tools from the car which was parked in Gloucester Road.

Defendant was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

Inspector Baker said the car was a saloon. It was left unlocked, and defendant took the tools.

THEFT OF ELECTRIC WIRING

Ma Tung, 27, was charged before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, with stealing house fixtures.

Defendant was seen in Gage Street yesterday, with a quantity of electric wire in his possession. He admitted that he stole it from No. 7 Wing Kut Street and No. 22 Gage Street.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

Li Chuen, 26, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, for stealing clothing and \$30 from No. 259 Queen's Road Central.

CHAMBERLAIN ASKED TO MEDIATE IN ROME?

Franco-British Conversations In Paris

Interest In British Visit To Rome Enhanced

London, To-day.

Interest in Mr. Chamberlain's forthcoming visit to Rome increases with the approach of the time and has been enhanced by the French reply to the Italian note denouncing the Franco-Italian agreement of 1935.

It is generally assumed that the conversations held during the past few days by the French Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, with the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, as well as with the French Ambassador in London, M. Corbin, were mainly concerned with the question of Djibouti and Tunis.

Press reports here that owing to the urgency of the Tunisian problem, M. Corbin had already left Paris for London, are stated by the French Embassy to be incorrect, but it is regarded as certain that M. Corbin will see Lord Halifax on the subject early in the New Year.

Diplomatic circles here believe that the French Government would welcome "peaceful intervention" by England in the Tunisian question, and that the British Government would itself not be averse to taking such a step, especially as England herself is directly interested in maintenance of the status quo in the Mediterranean.

MEDIATION

It is also regarded as probable that a meeting of French and British Foreign Ministers at Geneva on that occasion will be substituted for the visit, the idea of which had apparently also been entertained, of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax to Paris to their meeting with Mussolini.

Talk of the "probable visit to London" of Count Ciano at the end of February has been revived, although nothing definite can yet be predicted on the subject. — Trans-Ocean.

MUSSOLINI MAKING SUGGESTION?

Paris, To-day.

"Oeuvre" draws attention to rumours prevalent in political circles in Paris which declare that Mussolini intends to suggest to Mr. Chamberlain during the latter's forthcoming visit to Rome that the British Premier should assume the role of mediator in the dispute between Italy and France.

The British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, so it is rumoured, sounded the French Government as to the latter's attitude towards such a plan.

The French Government, however, allegedly intimated to the British Government that they viewed the suggestion without enthusiasm since France is now represented by the Ambassador in Rome who is competent for settlement of disputes between France and Italy.

"Oeuvre," moreover, reports that Mr. Chamberlain decided to make a stop over at Paris on his way to

FIGHTING ROUND TSENGCHENG

Chungking, To-day.

Following the initial reverse at the hands of the Japanese in the recently begun offensive near Yochow, on Tungting Lake, it is reported here that the Chinese troops have renewed the attack in the hope of breaking down Japanese resistance.

In South China, fighting was confined yesterday to the district around Tsengcheng, northeast of Canton.

It is reported that the Chinese succeeded in breaking through the wall of the town but were driven back so that the Japanese still remain in possession.

Japanese reports that their troops have landed in Pakhoi are denied in Chinese quarters.

It is announced that heavy fighting has broken out in Shansi province and that the Japanese are suffering heavy losses. — Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY WANTS DOCTORS 'FOR COLONIES'

Berlin, To-day.

Colonial doctors are being sought here, "in case Germany gets her colonies back."

The German Medical Journal, discussing this, states that only doctors who complete a special course of preparation have any prospect of being considered for this work.

Doctors who are interested are asked to apply to the Reich Medical Chamber. — Reuter.

Rome to discuss the Italian claims with the French Government. — Trans-Ocean.



TRANSPORT "WAR" IS ON.—Londoners are now familiar with the "Square Deal" posters of the railways—but now Road Transport is beginning a similar fight for recognition. The first of their "Square Deal" posters, carried by Sandwichmen, made their appearance on December 6.

"TRESPASSER" CANNOT BE SUED FOR RENT

Remarking that defendant by refusing to quit the premises and pay an increase in rent, was a trespasser and could not be sued for rent, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Puisne Judge, awarded So Siu-chuen judgment at the Summary Court this morning.

Kwok Keng-ching sued for \$50 arrears of rent and \$5 for water consumption.

Plaintiff's attorney, Kam Kwan, stated that in June last, defendant was paying \$19 rent and \$1 for water. In August, plaintiff gave defendant the alternative of quitting the premises or paying \$25 rent and \$2.50 water consumption. Defendant failed to leave but offered to pay the previous rent rate.

Plaintiff admitted that he wanted possession because he was offered higher rent.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay submitted that although defendant refused to pay the increased rent, he had impliedly agreed to the new tenancy by still occupying the premises.

Mr. Justice Lindsell, however, made the above ruling and gave judgment for defendant.

HURT

A. Rahim, residing at No. 17, Hau Wong Road, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital with injuries to his face as the result of an attempt to board a moving bus in Prince Edward Road yesterday.

HUNGARIAN VERSION OF BORDER CLASH

Budapest, To-day.

A sanguinary incident between Slovaks and Hungarian police which occurred on Christmas morning is officially announced yesterday.

After a midnight mass in the village of Nagysurany ceded to Hungary, Slovaks marched to the police station demanding the return of the village to Slovakia.

The police dispersed the crowd but the demonstrations were repeated after the High Mass.

This time, the Slovak peasants were armed with sticks and knives. The police fired at the crowd, killing one Slovak and wounding several others.

Similar Slovak demonstrations took place in the village of Komjat but were according to an official announcement suppressed without bloodshed. — Trans-Ocean.

KARL CAPEK

London, To-day.

The papers print obituary notices and appreciative comment on Karel Capek, who died in Prague on Sunday at the age of 48.

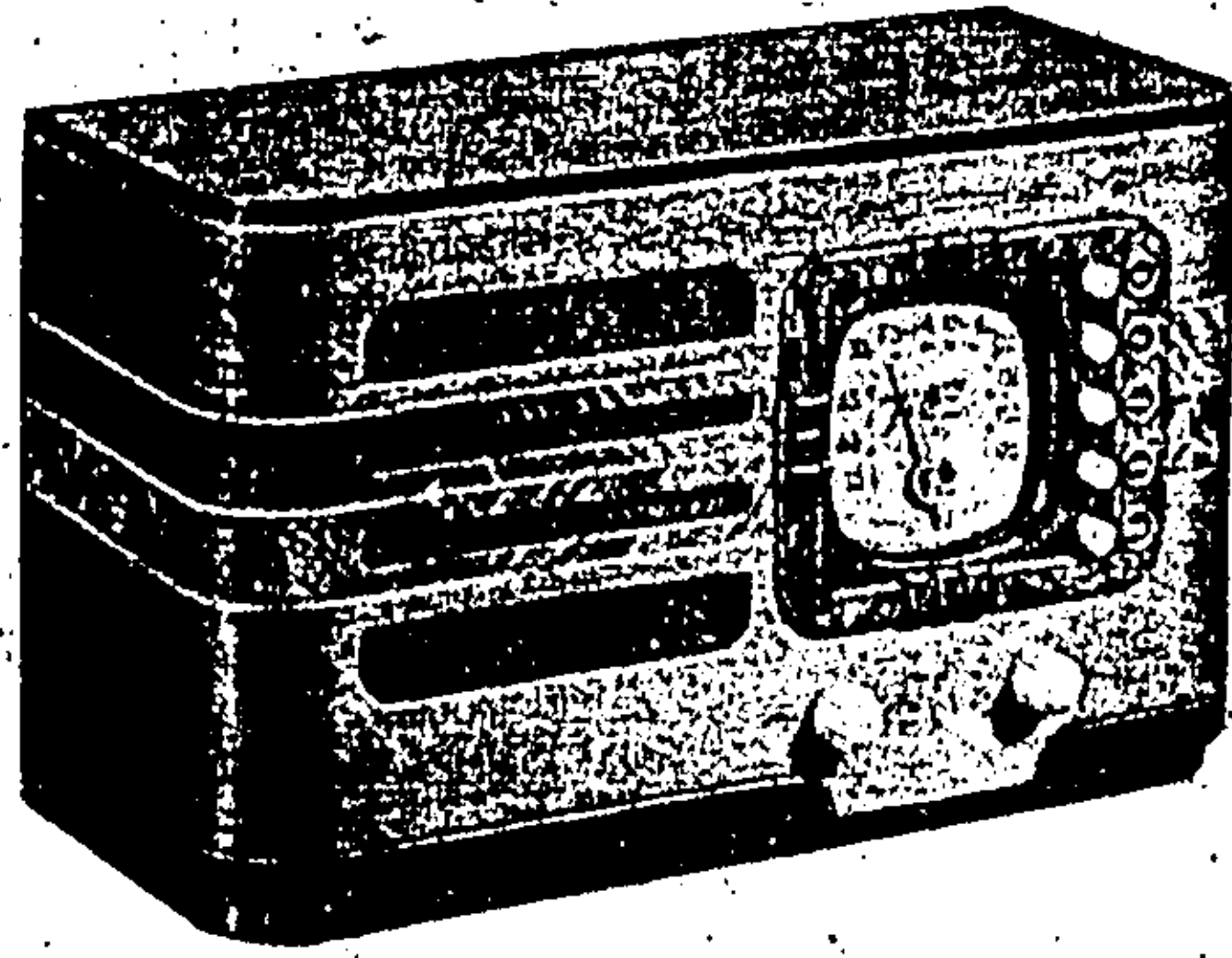
Capek's principal plays had successful runs in London and he had a large number of admirers and friends in England. — British Wire-less.

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FLING AT LIFE

SHEILA decided her deception wasn't worth the thrill of having folks think she was somebody. Paul Berkley was the reason for her decision. She had fallen in love with Paul Berkley. He thought she was rich and had family background. Because she loved him she knew she must tell him the truth about herself. It was going to be the hardest thing she had ever had to do.

It had all begun three years ago. Three years ago Sheila had decided she would be different. She wasn't going to be like the other girls who lived on Market street and worked in downtown department stores. They never went anywhere, except for one week in the summer, when they spent every penny they had saved on bargain basement clothes, pooled their remaining resources and hired a cottage at Melbourne Beach. At Melbourne Beach they did the same things they did when on Market street, except they had more time to do it.

Sheila hated Market street. Three years ago she decided she was going to save every penny she could until she had enough to take a month's cruise on a luxury liner. Then she was going to quit her job and have one, gorgeous, beautiful fling at life. After that—she never allowed herself to think about what might happen after that.

It all worked out exactly as she planned, except for one thing: She fell in love with Paul Berkley. Up

and fail, and soon he would have forgotten she ever existed in the fast whirl of his own social activities. Oh, why, why had she fallen in love?

Sheila went back to the fifth floor Market street flat where she lived with her mother and father and sisters and brothers, and picked up the threads of her life where she had left off. The house and Market street itself seemed more sordid and dirty and depressing than ever. Even the memory of her glorious adventure was besmirched by thoughts of her deception to the only man she had ever loved.

A fortnight passed. The Christmas season was coming on and Sheila secured a job in a downtown department store. It wasn't as good as the one she had quit; it would take years and years to save enough money for another cruise, and by that time her youth would have flown and the spirit of adventure would have died.

Her despondency increased as the Christmas season drew on. Market street seemed dirtier and noisier than ever. Her family, unable to understand her long periods of glum silence, became irritable and nagging. Winter set in with a vengeance. Sheila's four-year-old coat was thin and threadbare. She looked and felt almost dowdy, but the money she would ordinarily have used for a new outfit had gone into the cruise.

One night, coming home late after a hard day, she stepped into the entryway of a Talmage street shoe store to

By Meredith Scholl

until that moment everything was fine. The adventure had been even more glorious than she anticipated. Then, on the last night out, Paul Berkley had taken her into his arms and told her he loved her, and she knew that she loved him too.

It had been a new experience. She had never been in love before. She hadn't known what being in love did to you. It changed things. It changed your ideas about life and people and the future. It made you want to be honest. It made you unhappy because you knew you had to be honest or all the rest of your life you'd hate yourself.

So now it was morning and the S.S. Caroline was being warped into the pier. There were only a few minutes left during which she could tell Paul about her deceit. It was going to be the most terrible ordeal she could ever imagine, but she lifted her head bravely and dried her eyes and went in search of Paul.

She searched everywhere, but Paul wasn't to be found. She went down to his stateroom and found the door open and all his things gone. Then she searched the ship again, but Paul had vanished.

At first she was angry, angry because he had gone off without saying good-bye. The anger gave way to despair. An emptiness formed inside of her. He was gone. She'd never see him again. The address she had given him was fictitious. She had made it up on the spur of the moment. When he went looking for her and the lovely house she had described, he would discover it didn't exist.

Depressed, unhappy, Sheila got her own bags and disembarked. Now things were worse than ever. She was never going to even see him, let alone being given the opportunity to confess her lie. He would try to find her

escape the wind while waiting for her bus. The sidewalk was brilliantly lighted, for now with the holiday close, all stores were keeping open evenings. Snow and sleet swept past on the sidewalk. Sheila, huddled down into the collar of her thin coat, did not see the bulky figure that suddenly stepped off the sidewalk. She looked up with an angry word of reproach on her lips when he jostled her—stopped with her mouth half open.

"Paul!" The man stopped with his hand on the doorknob. He looked at her intently. "Sheila!" There was a moment in which each looked at the other, surprised, uncertain. Paul wet his lips. "I lied to you. I didn't have the courage to tell you. That's why I left the ship. I'd saved for years for that trip." He paused. "My home is on Market street. I work in this shoe store."

A great feeling of joy and thanksgiving surged inside of Sheila. Market street! Oh, how wonderful! How glorious. And to think—to think that she had—but why think? What good to think now—except that sometime later they could think together, think and plan for another trip, another glorious fling at life!

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FRANCO'S XMAS OFFENSIVE

Burgos Authorities Claim Important Success

Rapid Advance In The Southern Sector

Saragossa, To-day.

The great Christmas offensive launched by General Franco in Catalonia was successfully continued yesterday, the Nationalists claim.

The Nationalists in four days battle have occupied 600 square kilometres and taken more than 5,000 prisoners, while 32 Republican planes were shot down.

Republican Spanish divisions fighting near Seros suffered heavy casualties and are almost completely annihilated.

Five hundred-Republican soldiers who had taken refuge in the church of Seros were taken prisoners. The civilian population remained in most villages since the Republican authorities had no time to evacuate them.

Nationalist military observers describe the present offensive as the beginning of the biggest battle of the Spanish civil war.

The action had been prepared with the utmost care and on a larger scale than ever before.

Only a small part of seven Nationalist army corps have been engaged so far and the most effective weapons have not yet been employed.

Greatest difficulties on the front, reaching from the Ebro River to Tremp, will have to be overcome by the columns operating in the Pyrenees, that is to say on the northern wing, where they have to fight in heights up to 2000 metres.

Rapid advance on the southern wing took the enemy in the Segre sector by surprise.

The Republican bulwarks in the Central sector of the front, east and northeast of Lerida, as well as the Republican positions on the lower Ebro, have been outflanked so that the enemy is compelled to construct new entrenchments and to regroup his forces, thereby losing much valuable time.

Concluding, Nationalist military observers declare that the Nationalist offensive would not be checked or impaired by Republican counter-attacks.—Trans-Ocean.

GOOD WEATHER

Good weather conditions yesterday greatly favoured insurgent operations in their offensive against Catalonia.

The right wing of General Franco's forces which is making its thrust in the direction of Tarragona, claims to have straightened out the Ebro Salient which had been formed between Mequinenza and Ribarroja.

Other insurgent reports state that those Republican positions in the Ebro sector which had been outflanked by the thrust have for the part already been evacuated.

Further progress is also claimed by the left wing "which is smashing its way through difficult terrain" in the Tremp sector. Here General Franco's forces penetrated yesterday to a depth of four kilometres.

In the Segre sector, the Nationalists captured several small towns to the southwest of Borjas Blancas.—Trans-Ocean.

Bucharest, To-day.

Ex-Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Petrescu Comnen, has been appointed Ambassador to the Vatican, it is announced.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. TO TRAIN 20,000 SPECIAL RESERVE PILOTS

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ANNOUNCED A PLAN FOR THE ANNUAL TRAINING OF 20,000 CIVILIAN PILOTS, TO FORM RESERVE AVIATORS IN WARTIME, AT A COST OF ABOUT \$10,000,000 A YEAR.

President Roosevelt said he was not prepared to say how many aeroplanes he had recommended to Congress for the army and navy in his national defence programme.

Meanwhile, aircraft shares on Wall Street are fractionally higher on reports that President Roosevelt is asking for a combined army and navy air fleet of 13,000 planes.—Reuter.

AVALANCHE DISASTER IN JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.

An avalanche swept a water-power station under construction at Shiadani yesterday.

Of 125 workmen, 93 were entombed, and 39 of them are known to be dead and eleven injured.

Fate of the 43 others is still unknown.

A rescue party of 300, led by police officers, was rushed to the spot.—Reuter.

CROSS OF HONOUR FOR MOTHERS

Berlin, To-day.

The Cross of Honour which will be awarded to mothers of numerous children in Germany, will it is announced, be given only to mothers of pure Aryan blood and who are "hereditarily healthy."

Proposals for award of the Cross must be made by mayors of communities after due enquiry into the merits of the prospective recipients.—Trans-Ocean.



Mr. George Lansbury, the prominent London Labour M.P. and staunch pacifist, who has had talks with both Mussolini and Hitler on his quest of world appeasement, on Dec. 4, when this picture was taken, visited his 22nd grand-child.

DRIVE AGAINST MUSICA'S BLACKMAILERS

New York, To-day.

Government agents yesterday opened a drive for the arrest of a number of persons accused of blackmailing Musica, alias Donald Coster, who committed suicide recently following unmasking of irregularities in the chemical combine of which he was chief.

In a letter written just before his suicide, Coster had alleged that he was being blackmailed by persons who knew of his criminal past.

Yesterday, G-Men arrested Walter R. Cragg, disbarred lawyer, on a charge of extortion with use of the U.S. mails.

A second accused person was arrested at the same time, but his identity has not been disclosed.—Reuter.

POCKET PICKED

Tsang Po-ki, of No. 12, Li Yuen Street East, has reported that between 5.15 and 5.30 p.m. yesterday, while travelling in a tram between Central Market and Causeway Bay, his wallet, containing \$68 in money and a Police permit, was stolen.

\$1,000 LOSS

Mr. R. Murjani, of No. 41, Peking Road, has reported that between 7 a.m. on Monday and 8 a.m. yesterday, his residence was entered by an open window, and money, jewellery and clothing total to the value of \$1,066 stolen.

COMPULSORY LABOUR SERVICE DECISION

Prague, To-day.

Czecho-Slovakia intends to disband its labour battalions, formed of unemployed workers, and to introduce a system of one year compulsory labour service.

A commission, composed of representatives of the various government departments concerned, is to be set up for the purpose of studying the operation of the labour service in Germany.

It is announced here that the Communist Party in Bohemia and Moravian Silesia has been dissolved.—Trans-Ocean.

SWISS DEFENCE ESTIMATES

Berne, To-day.

The Swiss defence estimates provide for an expenditure of 350 million francs for the coming year, of which 150 millions will be appropriated for the air force.


In the report presented to the Federal Parliament by the Federal Council, it is stated that the proposal for creation of a special defence fund to cover increased expenditure on armaments must be seriously considered.—Trans-Ocean.

K.C.C. ROBBERY

Mr. J. Fraser, of the Kowloon Cricket Club, has reported the loss of a clock, a hat, and three water meter covers, to the value of \$33, from the Club building.


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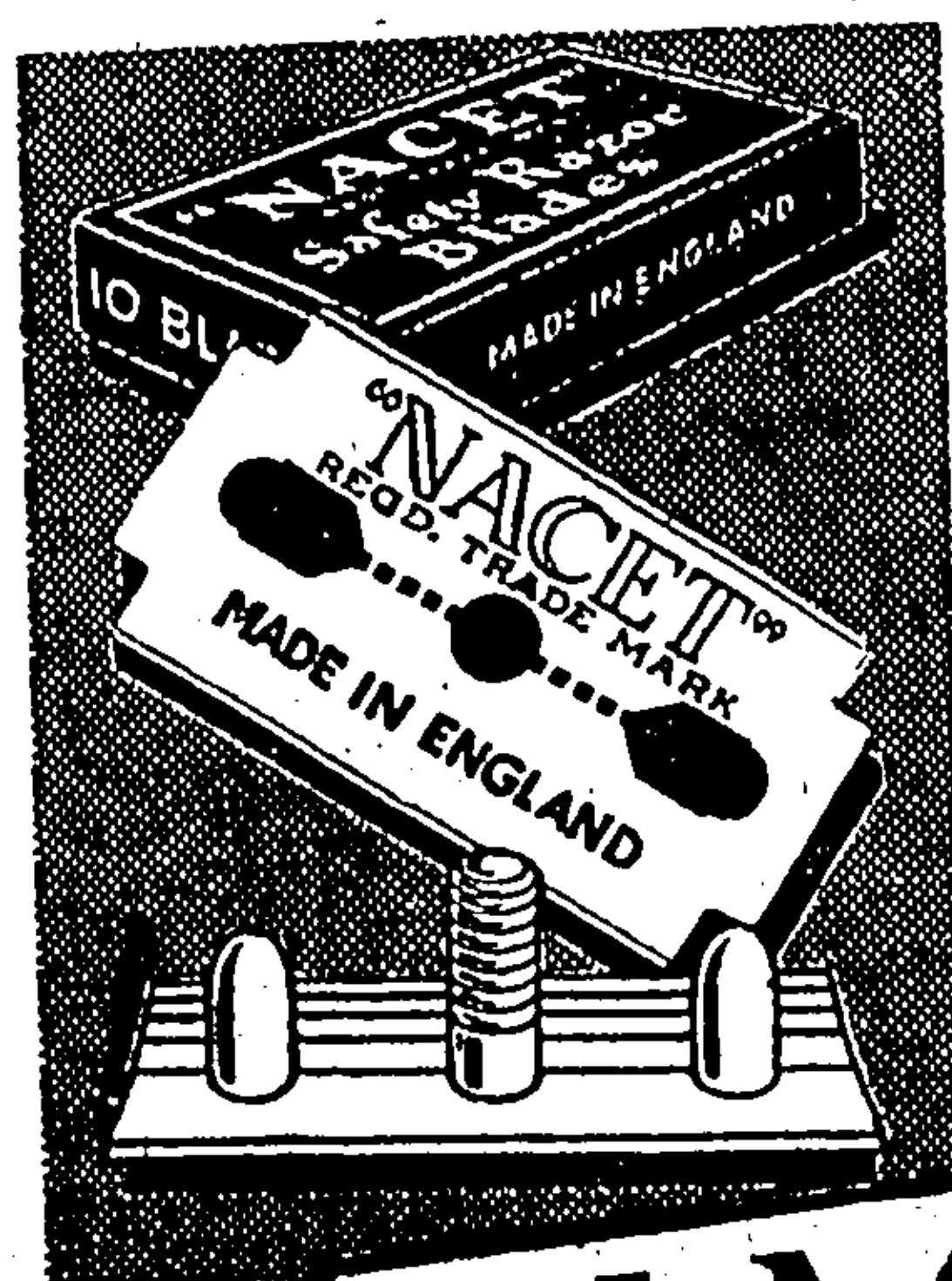
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NAZI ECONOMICS

Looking back over the past six years, we can all of us admit that we have failed to take the Nazis as seriously as they deserved. We did not think that we were witnessing the beginning of something that was going to threaten the lives of each one of us. When Germany started re-arming, we did not think that in five years she would make herself strong enough to win two wars without firing a shot.

In the economic field, too, we have failed to take the Nazis seriously. Ever since Dr. Schacht started exercising his matchless ingenuity on the task of inventing new species of currency, ever since Nazi Germany started defying all the rules of the economic game, the pundits have, at regular intervals, expressed their opinion that it cannot possibly last, that an economic collapse is just round the corner for Germany.

But the collapse has never arrived. And now, in reaction from our previous errors, we are beginning to fall into the opposite mistake of imagining that the Nazis have some secret process which solves the economic problem once and for all.

There is nothing very mysterious about the disappearance of unemployment in Germany. Since 1933, something like 1,500,000 men (at least) have been enrolled in the Army, the Air Force, the Labour Corps, the Black Guards, the Brown Shirts and the other Nazi organisations.

A much more fundamental test of economic policy than unemployment can be derived from the figures of employment—the figures of those who are doing useful work to enrich the nation. And if you compare employment figures for 1937 with those for 1929 (the last previous comparably prosperous year), you will find a considerably larger increase in Britain than in Germany. That is a significant and very rarely appreciated fact.

Nevertheless, even though we have no reason to fear comparison of our economic achievements with those of the Nazis, the Nazi economic system has manifestly not collapsed. What is more, whereas the democracies have not had as good a year in 1938 as in 1937, Nazi Germany has continued to make new records in industrial output. Does this mean that the Nazis have discovered the secret of eternal boom?

Perhaps they have discovered the secret of keeping their workers constantly employed. After all, if you are in a position to order any man to do any job; it is not very difficult to keep everybody busy.

But even this system of compulsory activity contains within itself the seeds of possible trouble. There seem to me to be three dangers, in particular, that threaten the Nazi boom.

The first is the old choice between guns and butter. Nazi Germany is to-day devoting something like 15 per cent., perhaps an even higher proportion, of its total national resources to the production of guns and other war material. And if you devote 15 per cent. of your resources to guns, you have just that amount less to devote to useful purposes.

Danger No. 2 is a financial one. Germans never forget the dreadful inflation they suffered fifteen years ago, and from which the same Dr. Schacht rescued them. They are, therefore, of all people in the world, the most likely to get suddenly distrustful of the soundness of their currency.

Now the Nazi system depends completely on the people's having absolute confidence in the financial policies of the Government. Every year, the German Government is borrowing very large sums of money (an equivalent figure for Great Britain would be at least £500,000,000 and perhaps £700,000,000 a year). This policy is safe only so long as there is a volume of genuine savings that can be borrowed. Once the Government has to start creating money in order to have enough to borrow, the new money will start competing with the old, prices will begin to rise, the people will take fright, and the vicious spiral of inflation will start to revolve.

If ever the Nazi Government gets into that position, it will be forced, through the national terror of inflation, to cut down its borrowings and balance its Budget—and that will be the end of rearmament.

The whole system therefore depends on the people being willing not merely to save, but to lend their savings to the Government or (what comes to the same thing) to deposit them in the banks who lend to the Government.

Danger No. 3 is that Nazi Germany may not be able to export enough to pay for the imported raw materials it must have. In this respect, 1938 has not been a good year for the Nazis. Austria and the Sudetenland are probably, on balance, more hindrance than help so far as foreign trade is concerned. Moreover, the world recession has reduced German exports. That is why a greater effort than ever before is to be made in 1939 to force German goods on the world. And that is why other countries, our own pre-eminently, are making plans to resist the German drive.

It is fully possible that none of these three dangers will in fact become operative in the immediate future. It is equally possible that all three will rise up in combination to pose insoluble problems to the Nazi regime. There are no means of predicting which alternative is the more likely. But the three figures which the economic rulers of Germany must be watching most anxiously are the trend of food supplies, the volume of savings bank deposits, and the course of export trade. And what they see cannot be wholly reassuring.

ITALIAN THREAT TO DJIBOUTI

Leading French Newspapers Sound An Alarm

MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS

Paris, To-day.

A report that the Italian authorities in Abyssinia are threatening to march on Djibouti, the port in French Somaliland, is published by "Pertinax," the well-informed French publicist, in the newspaper "Ordre."

"Pertinax" says the Italian authorities are proclaiming that it is only a question of time before they march there and the French are "thrown into the sea."

Italian troop movements are reported. For example, native Askari troops are being sent to West Abyssinia, relieving contingents of Gallas, who are being sent to the east.

Roads seemingly intended for military transport have been built from Assab towards the French frontier.

The French have only numerically weak detachments at Djibouti, whereas the Italians have 90,000 soldiers and 130,000 white and 150,000 native labourers.

MARITIME POWER

Though 185 miles of desert separate them from the French colony, with hostile populations around, "Pertinax" says it is by maritime power that the Italians in Abyssinia must be kept in check.

The Babel-Mandeb Straits can be defended as a result of Anglo-French co-operation at Djibouti and Aden.

"Pertinax" adds that measures for such co-operation were taken in December, 1935.

MADAME TABOUI

Madame Tabouis, another noted French writer, writing in "l'Oeuvre," says the idea seems to be to take French Somaliland in the rear, while Djibouti is attacked from the air.

She mentions the reported suggestion that France should submit to the World Court at The Hague the question of 700 Italian troops six months ago occupying posts in what is claimed as French territory 50 miles from Djibouti.

Meanwhile, the escort vessel "D'Iberville," which is attached to the French naval forces in the Levant, and is due to carry out a cruise in the Red Sea, left Beirut for Djibouti yesterday.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Great prominence is given in the "Paris Soir" to a message received from its special correspondent in Cairo, in which it is alleged that Italy is concentrating a large number of troops along the border of Abyssinia and French Somaliland.

The Governor of Somaliland has, it is asserted, asked his Government to take immediate measures for reinforcing the military and naval outposts.

The same message also says that the Egyptian Government has received information about the despatch of Italian troops to the

southern part of Libya, and that in view of the impending diplomatic talks the Egyptian Government looks upon this action as an "ominous sign."—Trans-Ocean.

Rome, To-day.

Competent Italian quarters deem it quite unnecessary to issue an official denial of the rumours circulated by the Paris "Soir" and London "Daily Telegraph" about the concentration of Italian troops in North Africa.

Italian newspapers reproduce the London and Paris reports with ironic commentaries.

Thus "Giornale d'Italia" says that "Pertinax" on the hunt for alarming news, has squirted his poison in the hope of being able to convince British public opinion of the necessity of Anglo-French collaboration in the Red Sea.—Trans-Ocean.

Paris, To-day.

French official quarters let it be plainly understood last evening that they have little credence to the reports appearing in French and English newspapers about the concentration of Italian troops in North Africa.

No word to that effect, it was stated, had been received at the French Colonial Ministry, while the French Foreign Office described the news as a pure invention.—Trans-Ocean.

HONG KONG JUNK MACHINE-GUNNED

A 36-year-old seaman, Cheng Shiu, has reported to the police that at about 3 p.m. on December 24, when in a junk about two miles west of Tai Shan Customs Station, with a cargo of timber, a Japanese trawler opened up machine-gun fire on the junk. He and the master, Chan Fuk, and other members of the crew jumped overboard. The Japanese set fire on the junk.

He was picked up by a passing junk, but Chan Fuk and a foki, Chan Kau, were not seen again.

CHINESE ADVANCE ON YCHOW

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese despatches state that the vanguards of the Chinese forces pushing northward towards Ychow, have reached Nantsuankiang within two miles of Ychow.—Reuter.

BRITISH SHIP BOMBED AND SUNK

London, To-day.

The British steamer "Stancroft," 1,400-ton vessel belonging to a London shipping company, was hit by a bomb and sunk during the large-scale bombardment of Barcelona carried out by Nationalist aircraft yesterday, according to reports reaching here.

All members of the crew are said to have escaped unhurt.

The same steamer figured largely in the news in July last, when her skipper appeared before the tribunal on a charge of having violated the provisions of the non-intervention agreement by attempting to carry arms to Barcelona.

Although the skipper was ac-

ARMED CLASH ON HUNGARIAN-SLOVAK BORDER

Budapest, To-day.

One was killed and many wounded in a clash yesterday between Slovak peasants armed with knives and sticks and Hungarian gendarmes, it is officially announced.

The clash occurred in the communes of Nagysurany and Zog, near the Czech-Hungarian frontier.

The encounter followed a demonstration in which the Slovaks demanded return to Czecho-Slovakia of the two communes which were allocated to Hungary by recent Italo-German arbitration.—Reuter.

SOLDIERS BITTEN BY A MONKEY

Privates Bishop, Martin and Toms, of the Middlesex Regiment, were all bitten by a monkey owned by Pte. Best, some time yesterday. They were treated by a military officer, and the monkey, together with three others, was sent to Mautauk for observation.

quitted of the charge on that occasion the question as to whether he had war material on board was never cleared up.—Trans-Ocean.

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BLINDING SNOWSTORMS SWEEP NORTH AMERICA

Lake Erie Lashed Up Into Miniature Atlantic

Thirty-Seven Degrees Of Frost In U.S.A.

New York, To-day.

Fierce icy gales and blinding snowstorms are sweeping the northern half of the United States.

Temperatures are being experienced as low as 37 degrees under zero.

A 61-miles-an-hour gale is lashing the Great Lakes. The Coast Guard reports the heaviest sea for years pounding the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, while thirty-foot waves are turning Lake Erie into a miniature Atlantic.

The Erie and Buffalo gales necessitated ropes along the streets to enable pedestrians to remain upright.

Ten-foot snowdrifts are reported in the North-West, where trains filled with holidaymakers were delayed.

Hitherto no fatalities are reported, in spite of the dangerous conditions for pedestrians and travelers.

Reports from Toronto state that the worst snowstorm of the Winter is raging all over Ontario Province. —Reuter.

OVER 200 CASUALTIES IN TRAIN SMASH

Bucharest, To-day.

Total casualties in the Rumanian train crash are reported to be 93 dead and 142 seriously injured, according to a report issued yesterday morning.

Numerous other slightly injured persons have been released from hospital following treatment.

It has been possible to identify 52 of the victims, while 44 other dead victims have been mutilated beyond all possibility of recognition.

Telephonic communications in Rumania have not yet been re-established, and the whole country is still isolated in that respect from abroad.

This explains the delay in obtaining information concerning the full extent of the disaster, although the scene is less than twenty miles from Galatz.

All goods traffic on Rumanian railways has been suspended until further notice as a precautionary measure in view of the exceptionally heavy snowfall. —Trans-Ocean.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION AT MADRID

Madrid, To-day.

The international commission appointed by the League of Nations to verify the withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spain, has arrived at Madrid.

The commission, which is headed by General Molesworth, intends to remain in Madrid for two days. —Reuter.

DANGEROUS EXPLOSIVES IN SHOP

Lau Yue-dock, manager of the Chung Shun Loong Fire cracker store, No. 91 Bonham Strand East, was this morning fined \$150 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy.

He was summoned for storing 1,115 pounds of fireworks in the cockloft, with failing to protect two incandescent electric lights with strong shades as required, and with unlawful possession of a quantity of explosives which included potassium chlorate.

Mr. G. C. Moss, Acting-superintendent of the Fire Brigade said, the place was visited on December 20 at 11.55 a.m. Defendant was not allowed to store fireworks in the cockloft and was allowed to carry only 400 pounds in the store, to be kept in a special box.

The fireworks contained potassium chlorate a very dangerous explosive. The store was doing a small business, but had a fire occurred in the cockloft, the whole house would have been involved.

WOUNDING CASE

Charged with wounding a Chinese steward, on board the s.s. Holdis at Parseval Bay, French Indo-China, on December 20, the chief boatswain of the vessel, Pang Fai, 57, was remanded by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning, at the request of Det. Sgt. Cochrane who stated that the police were making further inquiries.

Accused was released on \$200 bail.



The Chefs at the Royal Naval Barracks making Christmas puddings for those Naval men who were in barracks during Christmas-tide.

FINAL TOUCHES AT LIMA

Lima, To-day.

The Pan-American Conference was occupied during the week-end with putting the final touches to the resolutions which were signed yesterday.

Next meeting of the Conference will be held in Bogota, capital of Colombia. —Reuter.

PREMIER AND LORD HALIFAX TO SEE POPE

Milan, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax, will be received in private audience by the Pope on the day following their arrival in Rome to pay visit to the head of the Italian Government, it was intimated here last evening.

After their talk with Pope Pius, they will attend a luncheon given by Mr. Francis d'Arcy Osborne, British Minister Plenipotentiary to the Vatican.

Special interest is attached to this visit of the British statesmen to the Vatican, in view of the fact

FRENCH CONVERSION LOAN OPERATION

Paris, To-day.

The Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, in a broadcast to the nation last night, announced the conversion to a 4 per cent. basis of the entire external debt of the French Railways, amounting to 3,500,000,000 francs.

The loan is now issued at from 5 to 6½ per cent.

The new loan will run for thirty years, and will be reconvertible after three years.

It will be issued at 95.

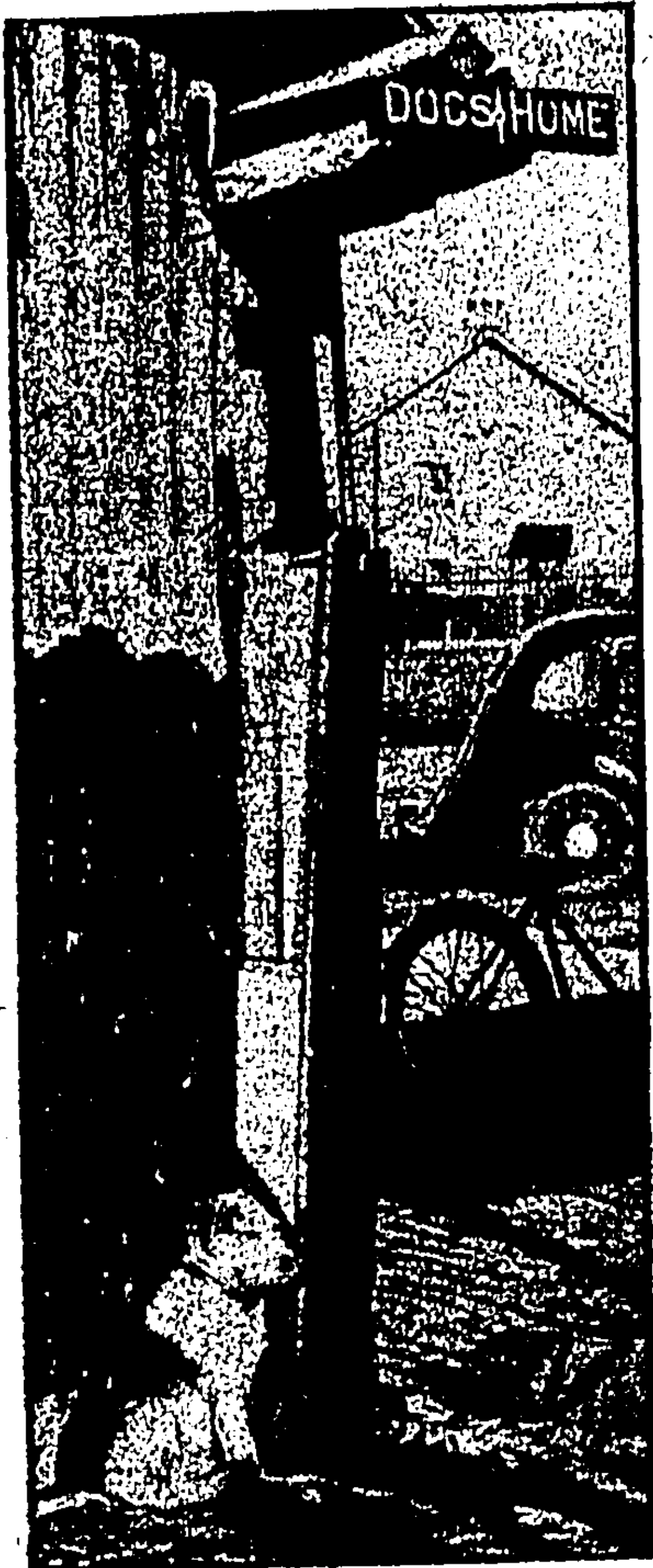
FOREIGN LOAN

An official announcement states that France has negotiated a loan of £20,000,000 from a group of Swiss and Dutch banks.

£12,000,000 will be placed in Holland and £8,000,000 in Switzerland, but the public issue in Holland will be only £8,000,000, as £4,000,000 was placed before issue of the loan. —Reuter.

that Lord Halifax's father took a prominent part in the movement which aims at reuniting the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches. —Trans-Ocean.

News Snack Bar



HE LEADS A DOUBLE LIFE

Meet the dog, who keeps two homes—Bosno, brown-and-white mongrel. Every morning, he's outside Cardin dogs' home—just as you see in this picture—waiting for the door to open. He spends the day there, then at night streaks off to his real home!

He's done this every day since the time he was left in the home while his owner went on holiday three years ago.

DOG CONDUCTS OWN DEFENCE

A wire-haired terrier sat quietly under a table at Highgate Police Court while policemen recited his misdeeds. The dog belonged to Arthur Steeds, of Friern Barnet-lane, Friern Barnet, who had been summoned to show cause why an order should not be made for the animal to be kept under control or destroyed.

While a police-sergeant told the Bench how the dog had torn his trousers, the culprit appeared to listen intently.

Then he walked across to another police officer and licked his fingers.

After the evidence, the dog paraded calmly in front of the magistrates, who apparently struck by his virtuous behaviour, merely ordered him to be kept under control.

AID INSTEAD OF MOURNING WHEN MATE DIES IN MINE

Miners at Frickley Colliery, South Elmsall, Yorkshire, are to be asked to give up the custom of ceasing work for twenty-four hours when a mate is killed.

Instead, it is suggested, there should be a levy on the men to help the dependants, and the company would make a grant of \$50 to cover funeral expenses and tide the family over the period before compensation is settled. Once already the men have turned down such an offer.

YOUTH REFORM ELDERS TO-DAY

Modern youth is not deteriorating. On the contrary, it is better and more honest—and is even "reforming" the parents of to-day.

Those are the conclusions reached by Mr. H.E. Norman, secretary of the Clarke Hall Fellowship, which develops probation and other services of the Courts.

They are expressed in a letter to the Yorkshire Women's Advisory Committee of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations at York.

"Modern youth," he believes, "is better educated than its parents and franker in conversation. This forces parents to be more honest in family life and to attempt to rationalise their own shortcomings."

"If there is more juvenile crime, there is more effective treatment of young delinquents; for the number of adult offenders falls every day."

"Offenders don't grow old in crime: they now reform quite young."

FAT STOCK SHOW CANCELLED

Because of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease on a farm near the town, Leighton Buzzard Christmas fat stock show committee decided to cancel the annual show.

LABOUR M.P. TO RETIRE

Acting under doctor's orders, Alderman David Williams, Labour M.P. for Swansea East since 1922, has intimated to Swansea Labour Association his intention not to seek re-election.

DUKE'S WRIT AGAINST COUNCIL

Agents acting on behalf of the solicitors of the Duke of Norfolk have issued a writ in the Chancery Division against Southwick Urban District Council, Sussex, claiming damages and other reliefs for the alleged trespass of the Council in laying a storm water outfall pipe in Southwick Canal. The Council have decided to resist the action.

THIEVES HAUL 5-CWT. SAFE

Thieves who broke into the Beaumont Hotel, Prince's-square, Bayswater, and took away a heavy iron safe, weighing about 5cwt., walked out through the front door, it is believed, and escaped in a car.

The safe contained about £40 in cash and a number of books. A well-cut overcoat was left behind by the intruders, and it is presumed that they were disturbed.

A HUNT PRESENTATION

In celebration of his fiftieth year as Master of the Henham Harriers, the Earl of Stradbroke, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, was presented with his portrait by Lionel Edwards, subscribed for by past and present supporters and some friends.

MENTAL HYGIENE BALL

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will attend the National Council for Mental Hygiene Ball at the Dorchester on January 24. Lady Hamond-Graeme is chairman of the Ball Committee.

MURDERER NOT TO APPEAL

Sidney George Paul, the forty-six year old salesman, of Rosebery-vale, Ruislip, sentenced to death at the Old Bailey on December 1 for the murder of his wife, Claire, at their villa home, has decided not to appeal. A petition for his reprieve he lived.



THE LARGEST EVER—Now making regular trips between Paris and London Ensign, latest Imperial Airways liner, is the largest commercial land-plane now in regular service in the world. This striking picture gives some idea of the tremendous wing spread of Ensign as seen from under her nose.

MAGINOT LINE OPEN TO INSPECTION

Secrets of the Maginot Line, France's mighty defences of steel and concrete, will soon be seen in public.

For years cameramen and photographers have been kept away. But after the Czechoslovakian crisis permission was obtained from the French Ministry of War to film the line of fortresses that runs along the German frontier.

HONESTY—WITH INTEREST

For twenty-six years a man has been wrestling with his conscience over £2 which he stole from a schoolmaster in London.

His conscience won, honesty was upheld and he returned the money.

At first he had a big problem in tracing the man from whom he stole.

Then he went a step further: £2 at so much per cent. compound interest for twenty-six years was another £1, he decided.

This is how three £1 notes came to be sent to Mr. W. Blacklock, principal of Swindon Technical College, by registered post.

A note enclosed in the packet said: "Repayment of £2 stolen in 1912." London, E. C. 7, was the postmark on the envelope.

Mr. Blacklock said that in 1912 he was a master at Goldsmith's College, New Cross, London, S.E. He recalls losing the £2.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

Domestic spotlight—as seen at Willesden Police Court, London:—

Woman: My husband was going to punch me. But the lights went red, so he stopped.

Chairman: Did you ever strike your wife?

Defendant: No sir, but I had great provocation.

Chairman: All husbands have provocation.

Motorist at Highgate: I told the constable there were hundreds of cars coming towards me, but I was speaking prehistorically, of course.

PENSIONS FOR M.P.s.

The Prime Minister is to be asked by Lieut.-Col. Sir Assheton-Pownall, M.P. for Lewisham East, "whether he can state the decision of the Government with regard to the suggested scheme for pensions for Members of Parliament involving no charge upon the taxpayers."

COUNTESS "HITS OUT"

"As a woman, I would like to hit out at man," said the Countess of Mayo at the Hurley and Bisham branch of the British Legion dinner.

"A man," said the Countess, "is brought into the world without being asked; he is taken out when he doesn't want to go."

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MYTH OF THE Refugee Story Goes Round England

London, December 11.

From one end of Britain to the other an extraordinary story is being whispered.

It is that a Jewish child refugee from Germany—his age is usually given as seven—has arrived in this country with the swastika sign branded on his back.

There are two versions current of the method of branding. Some whisperers will tell you that it was done with a branding iron, others that it was burned indelibly with acid; but with these variations the story is the same all over the country.

It has even been published in a weekly magazine.

After a fortnight of searching investigation the "Sunday Express" can assure the many thousands of

people who have been horrified by the story that there is no vestige of truth in it whatever.

DAYS INVESTIGATING

The "Sunday Express" was assisted in its investigation by leading members of the Jewish community in Britain.

One of the most important of them, having heard the story himself, spent several days endeavouring to establish the facts. He made inquiries at all Jewish hospitals, and at all place where the child was reported to be.

Finally he confessed himself baffled. He had compiled a list of reputable people who were all reported to have been connected with the case.

Each one contacted could only say that he—or she—had heard of it from some one else. In the end nobody could produce anything more substantial than a rumour.

The Committee for the Care of Children from Germany, after making great efforts to trace the origin of the story, said to the "Sunday Express":—

"We have been swamped by this rumour. There is not the slightest foundation for it.

ALL EXAMINED

"If such a thing had happened we should know, because every child is medically examined before leaving Germany and on arrival here."

An example of how the rumour spread was given to the "Sunday Express" when at one stage of the

KILLED 4 TO BUY RING

Warsaw, Dec. 11.

To get money to buy a wedding ring for the girl he loved a 22-year-old engineer named Wladyslaw Poskrobko hammered four women to death.

Poskrobko fell in love with a young dancer. They decided to marry, but Poskrobko had no money for a ring.

He decided on murder to get the money. He visited a local restaurant owned by a widow named Stefania Piekutowska, living with her aged mother and two young daughters aged 14 and 17.

He and a friend attacked the four women, hammering them to death.

The murderers took £20 in cash and unsuccessfully tried to set fire to the dead bodies and the house, but fire did not break out.

After 12 hours' interrogation by the police Poskrobko confessed.

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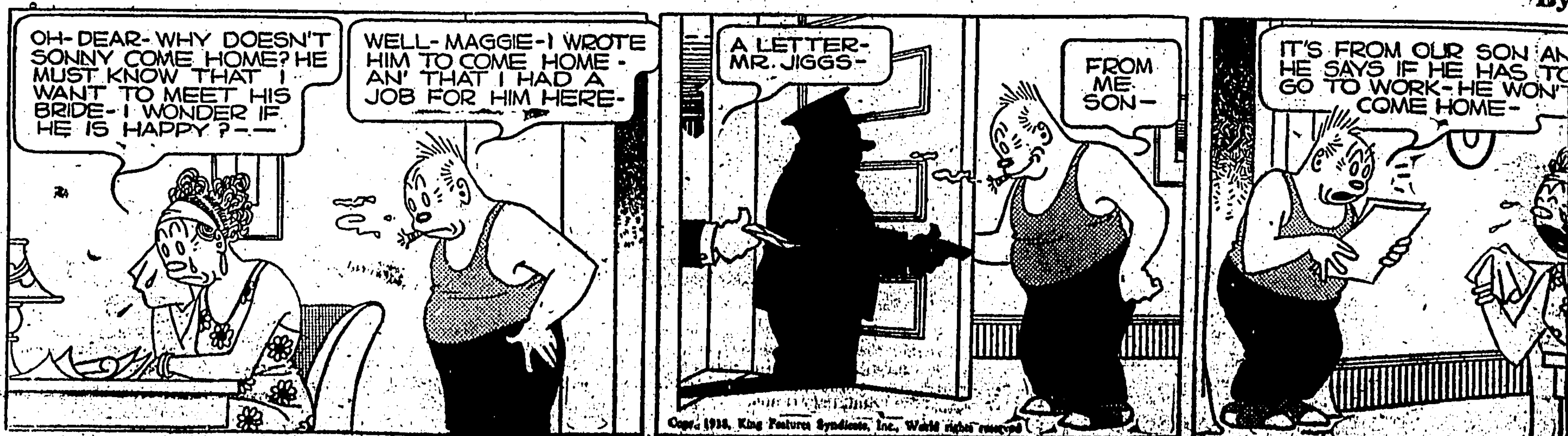
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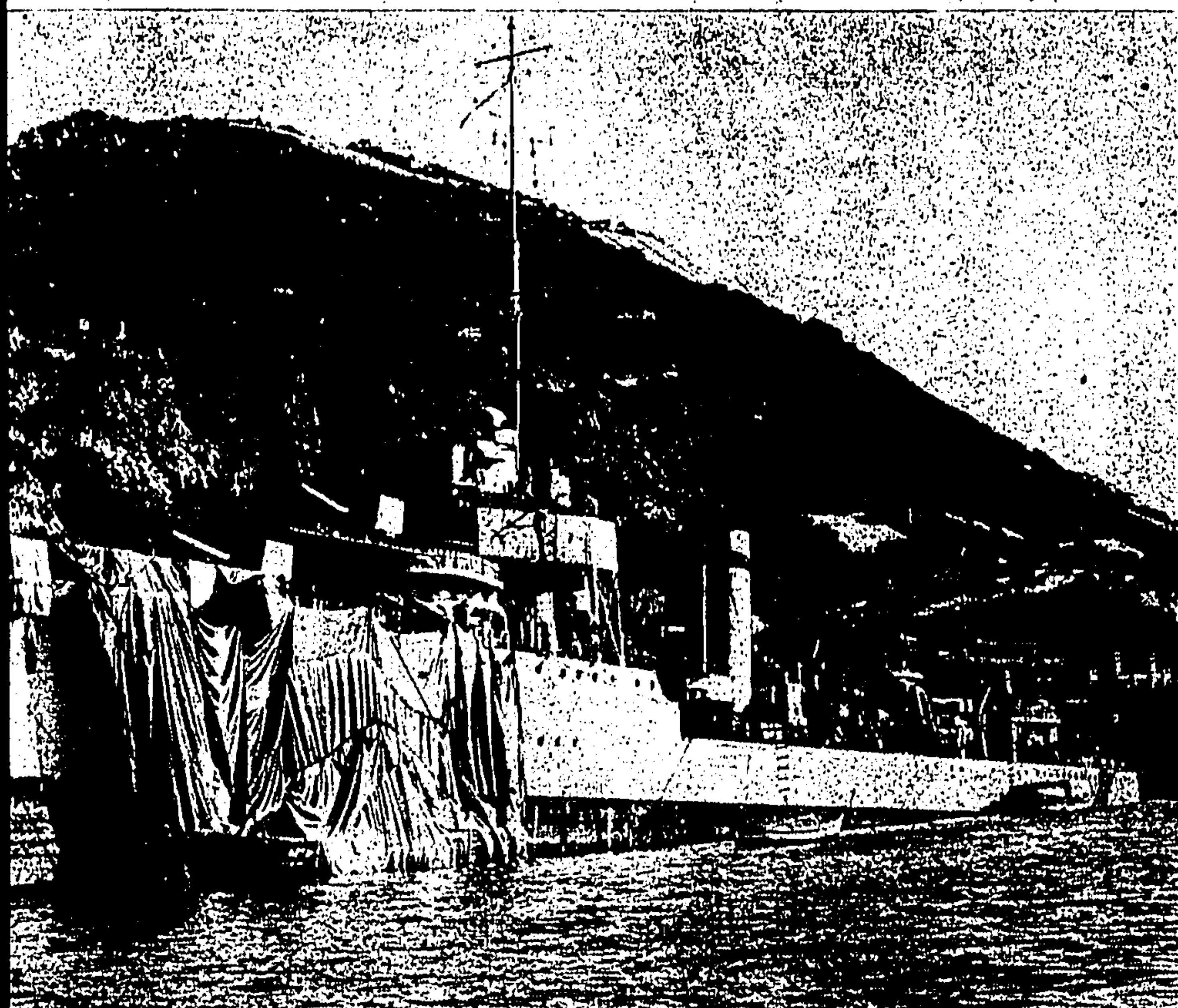
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Bringing Up Father



BRANDED BABY



The Government destroyer Jose Luis Diez is now in Gibraltar to which she limped after an engagement with Franco's forces. The photograph shows the "Jose Luis Diez" in Gibraltar Harbour. Note the damage done at the stern, so as to bring the holed bows into the water.

The name of a woman who lived in Harley-street was of the woman who was in her care.

ly heard the story and supposed to have attended to it. I am astonished,"

heard the rumour and mentioned it at a

meeting at a London Jewish hospital, saying what a dreadful thing it was.

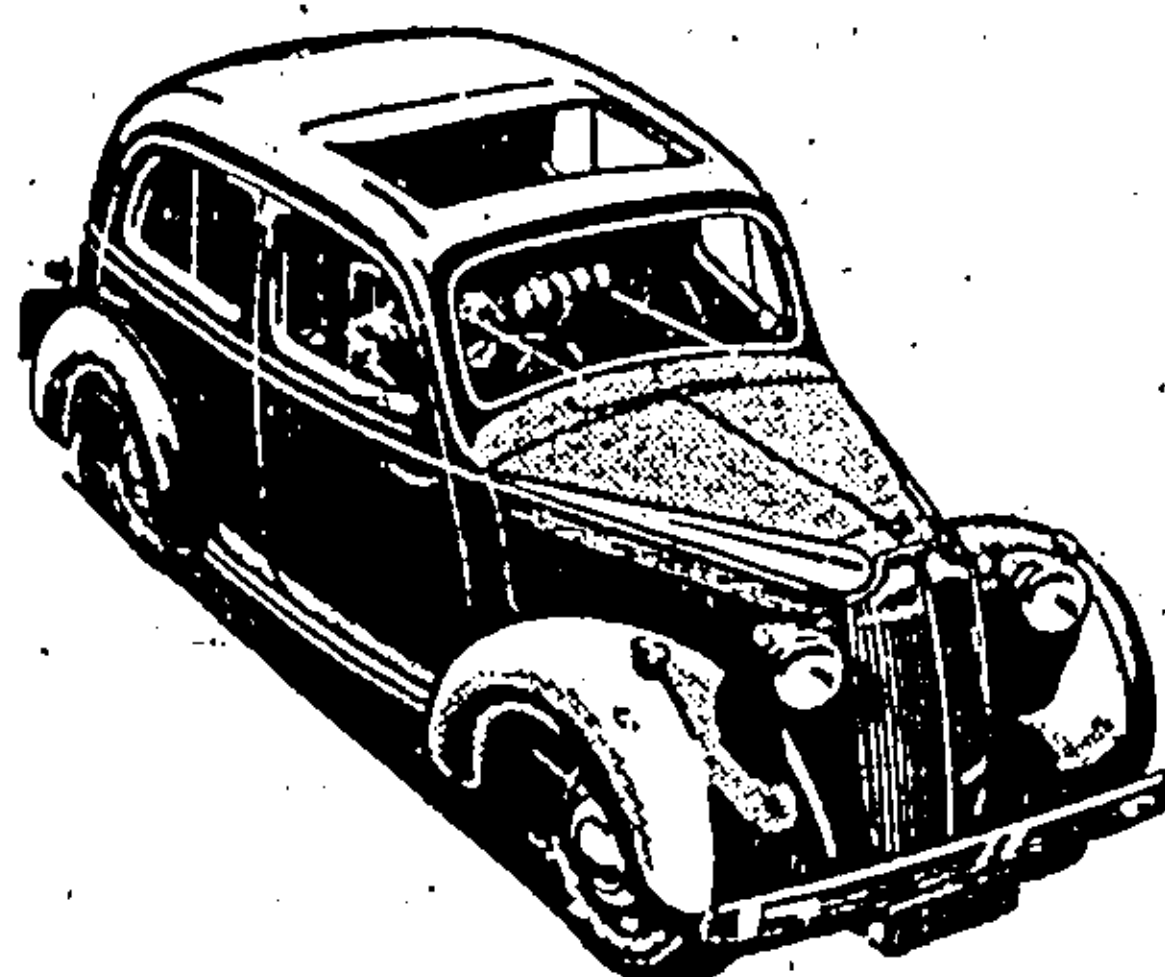
"Then I was amazed when the rumour came back to me that I was supposed to have performed a skin-grafting operation on the child's back.

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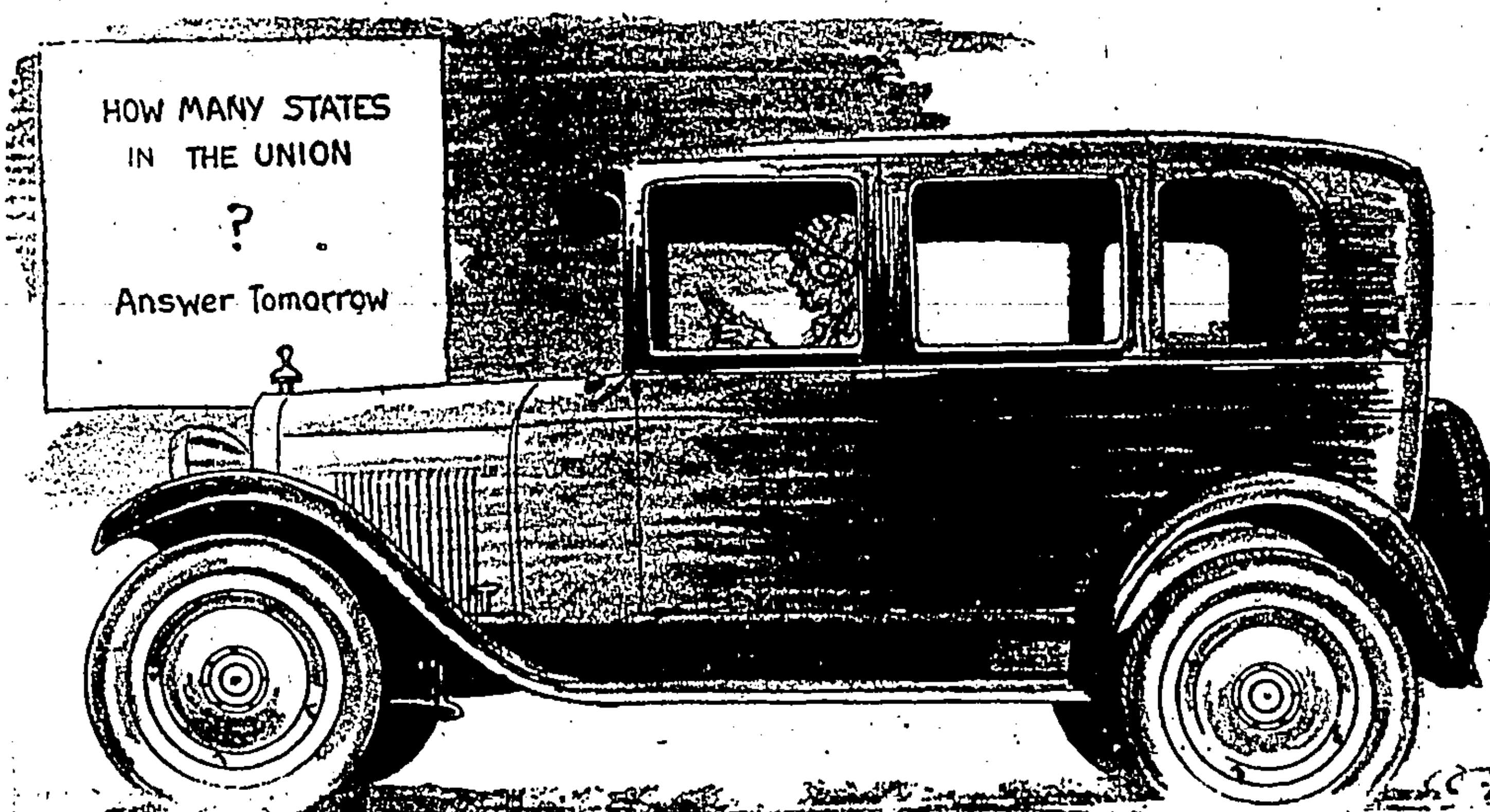


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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

CAREFUL SANITATION NECESSARY FOR FACE SKIN BEAUTY.

If you are a victim of frequent, annoying facial blemishes, or persistent blackheads, look to your skin cleansing habits!

If I could take you to a laboratory and let you peek at the numerous little germs crawling over the face cloth you use, smelling salts would be in order! So when you realise that each day you are carrying those germs to your face and scrubbing them into your pores there is little mystery left as to why blemishes keep appearing.

STERILISATION REQUIRED

For true beauty and lovely skin texture you should follow a few simple rules. In order to impress them upon you more clearly I am going to list them below—so you may cut them out of this paper and paste them where you are bound to see them:

1—Shampoo your face with clean hands and a good soap lather and



Meticulous care of the skin brings true beauty. Not only must it be kept clean but all aids to skin beauty must be kept sanitary also.

rinse your skin thoroughly with warm and cold water—also with your hands.

2—Once a week, at least, scrub your face with a bland soap and a sterilised complexion brush. Rinse thoroughly.

3—If you use a face cloth, wash it thoroughly with soap and hot water after using it each time. Do not use the same face cloth longer than three days without boiling it in soap and water for ten minutes.

If your skin is always blemished you must use a sterilised face cloth each time you wash your face—or learn to use your hands instead of a face cloth. Brushes for the face and the body, which will stand up under frequent antiseptic baths, are most sanitary and efficacious.

4—Never use a soiled towel to dry your face. Have enough small towels on hand to use a freshly laundered one for each face drying.

5—Powder puffs also should be sterilised frequently. I suggest that unless you can use a fresh powder puff each day, learn to apply powder with a piece of absorbent cotton and discard it afterward. Never apply fresh powder over old make-up (with a soiled puff) if you can possibly avoid doing so. Remove the old make-up first and apply fresh powder with a clean puff.

6—If you apply any facial lotion with cotton, use a new piece each time.

7—All beauty aids which come in contact with your face such as eyebrow tweezers, eyelash brushes, lip brushes, shower caps, must be kept immaculately clean. Boil all metal aids and scrub the others well with soap and hot water to which is added a bit of household ammonia or a good antiseptic. By so doing you prevent even the slightest local infection from

Pantie Dress For Tots And Toddlers



This little trifle is an unusually successful design for smart ladies between the ages of 2 and 5. It looks adorable, besides having the simplicity that is always in good taste for little folks. The sleeves, that barely cover the shoulders, are cut in one with the shoulder yoke and front and back panels. Fullness, concentrated at the side, gives it a cute, stand-outy look. And of course every little girl looks sweet in a round neckline like this.

A GRACEFUL DAYTIME FROCK



spreading or becoming imbedded in your skin.

8—Watch your hands! See that they are clean when they touch your face. And never pick at a blemish or small eruption with your fingernails—this is of primary importance.

If your face is slightly blemished and you will follow these few rules to the letter, there is a strong possibility that your skin will clear considerably if not completely. I cannot urge you too strongly to watch your face cleansing and make-up habits!

Before going on this reducing diet get approval of a physician.

SECOND DAY BREAKFAST

	Calories
Drink the strained juice of a lemon in 2/3 glass of warm water every morning directly after early elimination, at least one half hour before breakfast.	50
Choice of:	
1 ordinary drinking tumbler unsweetened pineapple and prune juice mixed	100
1/2 cup dark farina with 1/2 cup skimmed milk	125
Little honey to sweeten	25
Clear coffee or tea with lemon (or no beverage)	—
Total	300

LUNCHEON

Waldorf salad with mayonnaise	150
1 totasted bran muffin	50
1 teaspoon butter	30
1 cup fruit gelatin	100
1 glass buttermilk or skimmed milk	75
Total	405

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DINNER

Fruit cup (usual size)	100
Calves liver—2 small pieces ..	150
1 small baked potato with little butter	150
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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

It will pay you to keep busy with constructive thoughts this day. Your process of reasoning will have an important bearing on your affairs. You may find the average person unusually receptive to friendly advances, the acceptance of excuses, as well as proposals for a number of forms of negotiations, particularly if they involve the settling of differences. Peculiar personal traits of character are likely to be evident this day unless precaution is exercised to keep them suppressed. Unless your tongue is carefully controlled it may, unintentionally, cause you to offend some friend. Conditions may be conducive for a lack of tact being exercised in both home and business circles, especially in the way of fault-finding. Married and engaged couples, as well as those whose love affairs are progressing in the right direction, must avoid making an issue of anything that they know is looked upon with disfavour.

If a woman and December 28 is your birthday, you probable have a dynamic personality, a great depth

of affection and an extremely sensitive disposition. Your soft-heartedness may frequently cause you to use poor judgment in money matters. Your ability to make friends is likely to be your greatest asset. You are likely to be in a position to exercise a great deal of influence, which will have a direct bearing on other people's affairs. Money, in all likelihood, will play an important part in your life, for you may control large sums. It will be wise to get the best legal advice before hastily signing any contract involving partnership or employment. Through work of an artistic, literary, dramatic, or of a highly specialised commercial nature, you may become very successful. Love seems to dominate your domestic affairs, so this argues well for a happy matrimonial career.

The child born on December 28, is frequently inclined to be restless, and aggressive. In its youth this youngster is likely to take advantage of every educational opportunity presented to it. Great expectations of a promising future seem to be justified.

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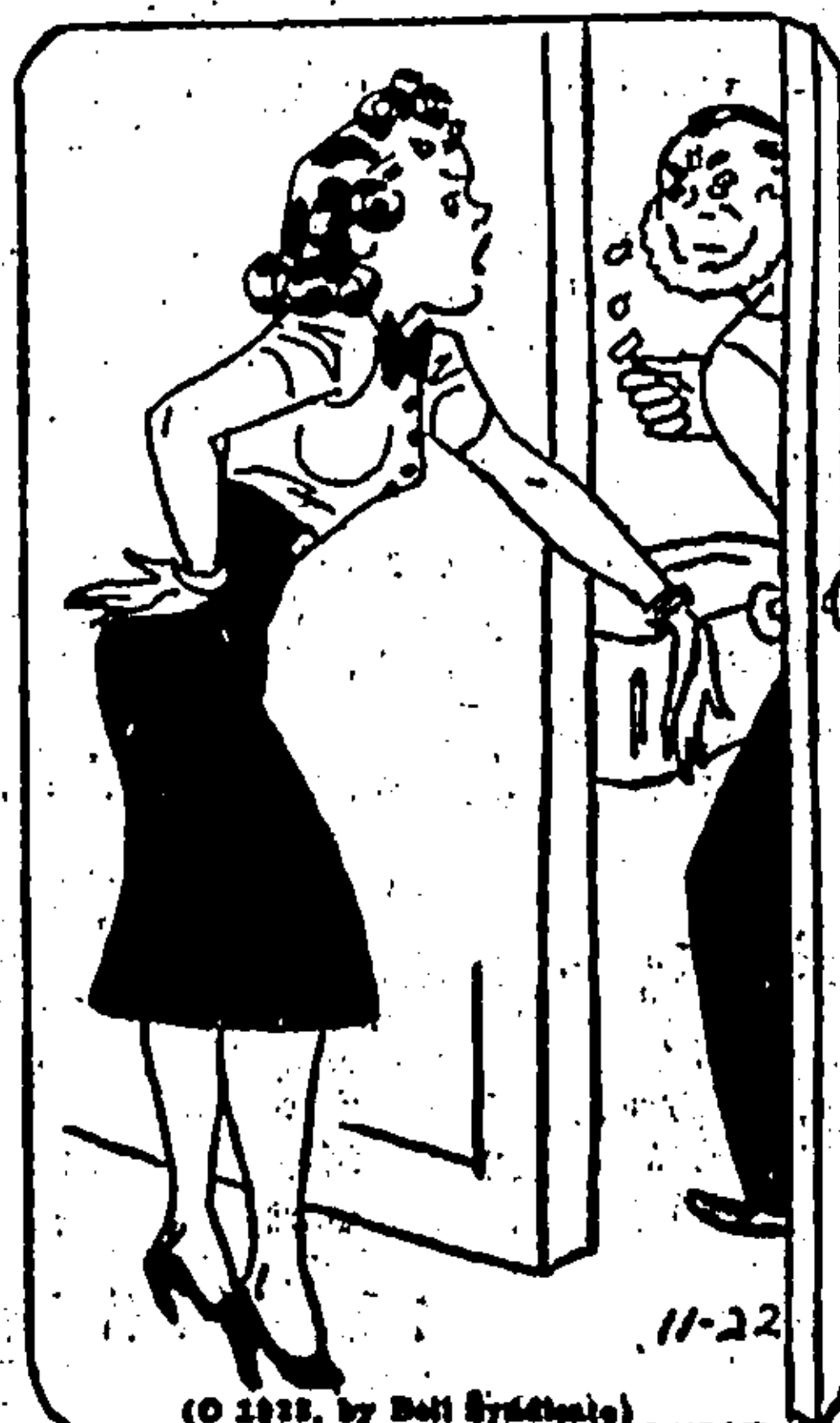
Isn't this a bright and pretty frock? Notice that the cap sleeves are cut in one with the side sections and that the front and the



back are each just one straight panel. You can lay this dress out flat on the ironing board and press it as easily as a towel!

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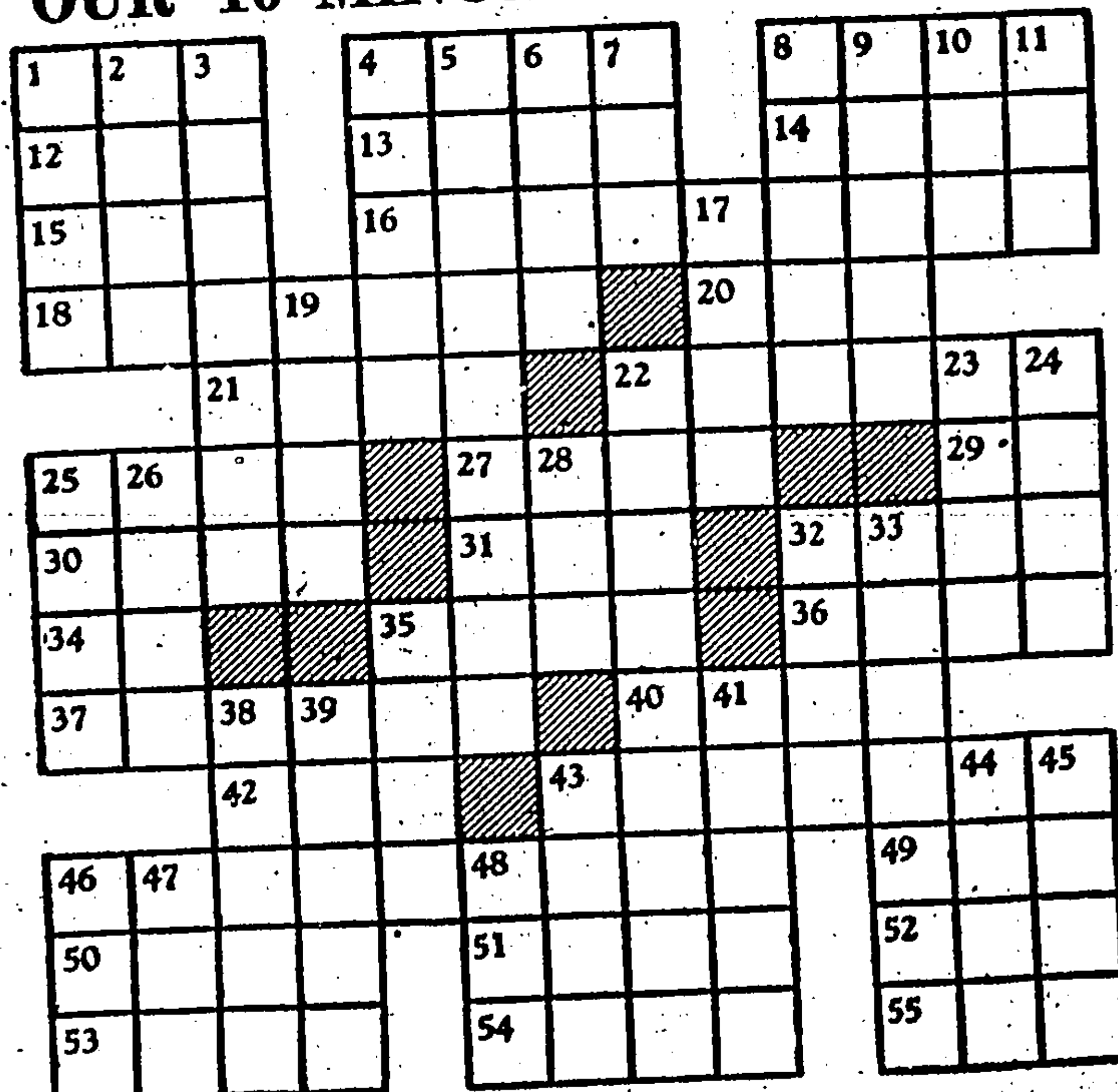
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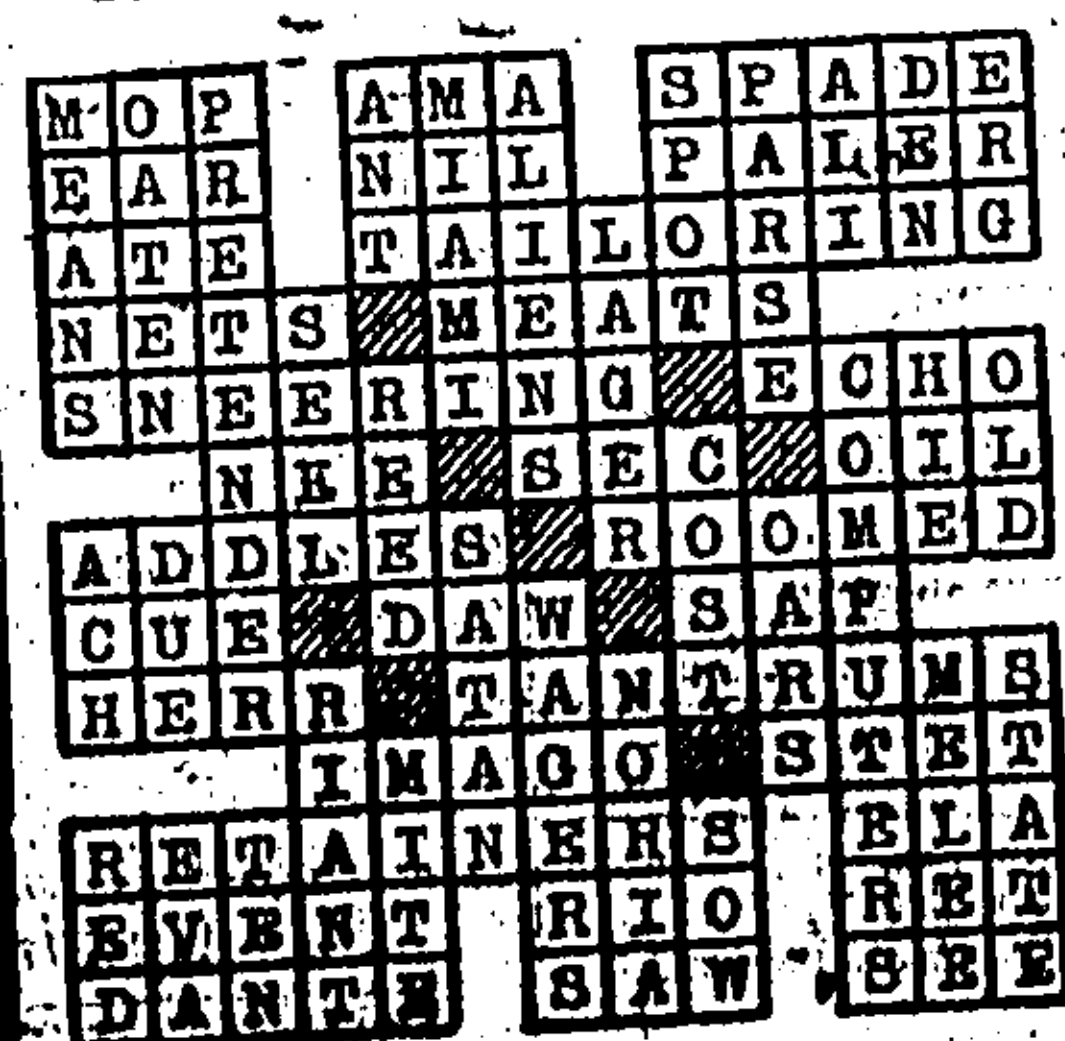
- 1 Silent
- 4 Bird's crop
- 8 Oriental titles
- 12 Land measure
- 13 Protagonist
- 14 To rant
- 15 Container
- 16 Inauguration
- 18 Slips by
- 20 Weight
- 21 Tips
- 22 To redeem
- 25 Maple genus
- 27 Prophet
- 29 French article
- 30 Commanded
- 31 Sick
- 32 Italian port
- 34 Type measure
- 35 African tree
- 36 Gem
- 37 Lecture
- 40 Sound
- 42 Help
- 43 Different
- 46 Provisional

- 49 High mountain
- 50 Curved molding
- 51 To state
- 52 Mound
- 53 Jutting rocks
- 54 Plague
- 55 Sheep

VERTICAL

- 1 Aromatic spice
- 2 Russian mountains
- 3 Threatened
- 4 Hunt
- 5 A falling back
- 6 Bows
- 7 Sorrow
- 8 Malicious burning
- 9 Advances
- 10 In the past
- 11 Japanese coin
- 17 Heavenly body
- 19 Unmixed
- 22 Kin
- 23 Cooking pot
- 24 Repast
- 25 Son of Adam
- 26 Arrived
- 28 Cloth measure
- 32 Corn cake
- 33 To conduct
- 35 Musical passage
- 38 More sensible
- 39 Locations
- 41 Open
- 43 To plunge
- 44 Killed
- 45 Fencing sword
- 46 Colloquial: child
- 47 Self
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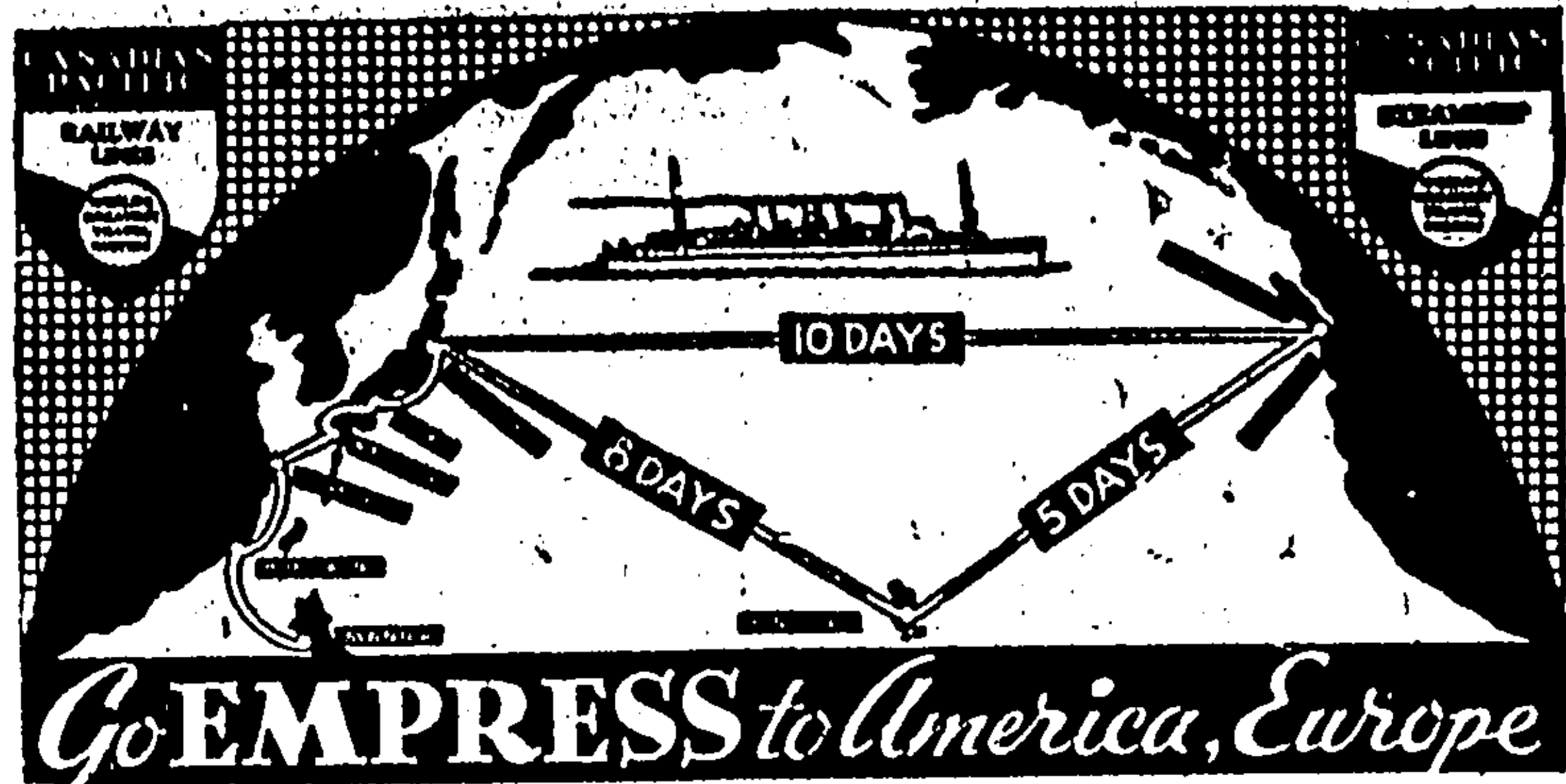
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The launching of the motor waterboat, "Tai Sze Ho", built for the Union Waterboat Co., took place at Kowloon Docks this morning.

The vessel was christened by Miss Penelope Jane Dodwell, ten-year-old daughter of Hon. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. Those present included Hon. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. A. C. I. Bowker, Mr. F. Edwards, Mr. Y. Yvarovich, Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Mrs. A. H. Penn, Mr. H. H. Scott, (Acting Manager, H. K. and W. Dock Co., Ltd.), Mr. R. G. Craig (Yard Manager) and others.

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FILM SHOWN AT XMAS PARTY

A very enjoyable Party was given by Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moss at their residence in Central Fire Station Building, a feature of which was the screening of a film taken by Mr. A. L. Fisher on a pleasure trip to England via Canada and from England to Hong Kong via Suez.

Among the guests were Mrs. B. Stoker, Mrs. K. Fisher, Mrs. Macintosh Smith, Mrs. Barber, the Misses K. and M. Glendinning, D. Brooks and Messrs. W. Stoker, A. L. Fisher, W. and L. Glendinning, R. Brooks, E. Greenwood, W. Macintosh Smith, T. Cash and C. Brown.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1375 b., \$1400 s.

INSURANCES

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SHIPPING

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H. K. and K. Wharves \$115 b.

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Suyoc Consol. Ps. 21 sa.

United Paracales Ps. 63 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. and S. Hotels \$6.60 b., \$6¾ s.

H. K. Lands \$36 b.

Humphreys \$9 s.

H. K. Realities \$5 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$17.10 b., \$17.20 sa.

Yaumati Ferries (Old) \$22¾ s.

China Lights Rights \$9½ b., \$9.70 s.

H. K. Electrics \$57¾ s.

Sandakan Lights \$10.60 s.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$15½ s.

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Dairy Farms \$24½ s.

Watsons \$7.45 b., \$7.45 sa.

Lane, Crawfords \$8 s.

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Constructions \$1¾ s.

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"Kumsang" 20th Jan. 2 p.m.

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SCOTLAND LACKED THRUST IN ATTACK

(By "REFEREE")

Lacking effective wingers and inside forwards, and with their defence cracking up badly in the second half, Scotland proved no match for China yesterday in their "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup encounter, which the latter won by 4 clear goals in a fast and interesting game.

Lee Wai-tong, idol of thousands of Chinese, gave a superb display which was marred in the last quarter of an hour by dilly-dally methods and he was ultimately carried off the field a few minutes from the final whistle with a badly cut knee, as the result of a tackle by a Scots' defender.

The China team were in splendid fettle and with their halves playing at the top of their form, the Scots were given little opportunity of settling down, only Hossack, their centre-forward, being anywhere near dangerous with a few long drives.

One of the outstanding figures on the field was Proctor, Scotland's centre-half, who gave a superb exhibition and very rarely put forward a wrong foot in the opening half. He clearly had the measure of Lee Wai-tong during this period and, but for the weakness of his wing-halves, who were unable to cope with Fung King-cheong and Lai Shiu-wing, would have held Lee Wai-tong down to a solitary goal.

Fung King-cheong, at inside-right, gave one of his finest displays to date. He played a brilliant feeding game, paving the way for two of Lee Wai-tong's goals.

Strangely enough Lai Shiu-wing was very rarely in the picture except in the last 10 minutes or so, when Scotland were forced on the defensive.

FINE EXHIBITION

Duncan, in Scotland's goal, gave a fine exhibition, but had no counter for two of Lee Wai-tong's goals, although he made several magnificent full-length drives to push the ball round the posts.

Blackburn was the pick of the two backs and positioned himself splendidly, while his header clearances often relieved heavy pressure. Proctor was at his best in the first half, but with the failure of Brown and Beaton, his wing-halves, in the second period, he was unable to cope with the brilliant short-passing Chinese game and was almost played to a standstill.

Scotland, with the exception of the first 10 minutes rarely looked like scoring. Howlett, with two headers, both of which had Tam Kwan-kon clearly beaten but which struck the cross-bar, was the first Scottish forward to come near to scoring, but thereafter he faded out of the picture. Howlett's methods did not fit in with the rest of the forwards and he considerably slowed down the Scots' attack.

HSO SHINES

The Chinese defence was splendid and all performed most creditably, Hsu King-sing, at left-half, providing the outstanding performance in the intermediate line. Although he paved the way for many fine openings for Hau Ching-to, the Eastern left-winger and probably one of the most dangerous in the Colony, was given very few chances and was rarely in a position to shoot.

There is little else I can say about the teams except that the Chinese team marred an excellent after-

YESTERDAY'S TAKINGS AT SOCCER GAME

The gross gate at yesterday's charity game was over \$2,300, which is a record for Sookunpoo. The Portugal-Ireland game realised nearly \$600 which is also considered very satisfactory.

noon's display in the closing minute by "playing to the gallery."

After Lee Wai-tong had missed a penalty awarded against Blackburn for hands, he made amends a few minutes later with a shot which glanced off the right upright. Lai Shiu-wing placed China further ahead in the second half with a bouncing ball which deceived Duncan, and Lee Wai-tong culminated the day's display with two glorious goals.

Mr. R. M. Omar very capably handled the game and the teams were:

China:—Tam Kwan-kon; Mak Shui-hon and Lee Ting-sang; Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chui and Hsu King-sing; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), Lai Shui-wing and Hau Ching-to.

Scotland:—Duncan (Royal Scots); Blackburn (Police) and Fraser (Royal Scots); Brown (Royal Scots), Proctor (Royal Scots), Beaton (24th R.A.); Munro (Royal Scots), Ferrier (Police), Hossack (Royal Scots), Howlett (Police) and Tait (Middlesex).

YESTERDAY'S HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day.

Several big scores were registered in the Third Division (North) of yesterday's Home soccer programme, results of which are as follows:

FIRST DIVISION

Aston Villa	1	Sunderland	1
Charlton	1	Arsenal	0
Chelsea	2	Leeds	2
Derby	2	Everton	1
Huddersfield	3	Blackpool	0
Leicester C.	1	Manchester U.	1
Liverpool	1	Stoke	0
Middlesbrough	2	Birmingham	2
Portsmouth	2	Brentford	2
Preston	2	Bolton	2
Whampten	5	Grimsby	0

SECOND DIVISION

Bury	2	Blackburn	4
Chesterfield	2	Bradford	2
Luton	1	Nottingham	0
Manchester C.	5	Tranmere	2
Newcastle	4	Norwich	0
Plymouth	0	Coventry	2
Wednesday	5	Fulham	1
Southampton	2	Sheffield U.	2
Swansea	3	West Brom.	2
Tottenham	1	Burnley	0
West Ham	0	Millwall	0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot	2	Crystal P.	1
Brighton	1	Bristol C.	0
Bristol R.	1	Bournemouth	0
Exeter C.	3	Southend	3
Mansfield	0	Ipswich	1
Newport	0	Swindon	4
Notts C.	0	Watford	3
Port Vale	0	Northampton	2
Queen's P.R.	5	Cardiff	0
Torquay	2	Clapton	1
Walsall	3	Reading	0

"REVIEWER'S" SPORTS COMMENTARY

Westchester Cup Arrangements

Never before have such careful preparations been made by the Hurlingham Polo Association as those which have been undertaken for England's challenge to America for the Westchester Cup next year, when the first game in the series will be played on June 4 at the Meadowbrook Club.

The importance of practice facilities for the team and adequate pony strength have been fully realised and the whole programme has been carefully thought out. Whether the labours of the Hurlingham body can command success or not, they certainly deserve it.

England's selected players are: Gerald Balding (capt.), E. H. Tyrrell Martin, Aidan Roark, H. Hesketh Hughes, Capt. H. P. Guinness, R. Skene and John Lakin. Of these, Capt. Guinness is at present with his regiment in Palestine and it cannot be said when his services will be available. Capt. C. T. I. Roark as well as Ivor Balding will also be playing in California while the English team is there and will be available if required.

This is undoubtedly the best selection which could have been made, and one which will give us the four strongest players who have represented us since the war.

The team will meet in California in February and have full practice there. Arrangements have been made for a series of exhibition matches, between Feb. 19 and April 9, in various parts of California, including three matches at Midwick, one at Santa Barbara and three at San Francisco. Lord Cowdray, the non-playing captain, will be with the team the whole time they are in America.

This programme, while giving every facility for practice for all members of the team, has added to the difficulties of the pony question, as, if an attempt was made to play all the practice matches on the same ponies as are required for the actual series in the Westchester Cup, the strain on them would be too severe. Sufficient ponies have therefore had to be arranged for so that the brunt of the practice in California will be on ponies which may not be required for the actual series.

In all, some 55 ponies will be available, of which 32 are owned by the Hurlingham Polo Association and the remainder are either borrowed or belong to the players. In addition, Lord Cowdray and Major N. W. Leaf have sent out some ponies for their own use.

Not more than 20 ponies will be required for the actual contest, so that an ample margin has been left for selection, and we may confidently expect to be represented by a stable of the highest class, with all the ponies thoroughly well known to those who will ride them, and also used to the positions in which they will play. Team and ponies will meet on Long Island for final practice at the beginning of May.

The Selection and Management Committee chosen by the council of the Hurlingham Polo Association is Viscount Cowdray (chairman), Lt.-Col. E. G. Atkinson, Major Rex Benson, Lt.-Col. C. H. Gairdner, Major J. F. Harribon, Col. V. N. Lockett, E. H. Tyrrell Martin.

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	0	Barnsley	2
Bradford C.	3	Barrow	0
Carlisle	1	Wrexham	1
Chester	8	Hartlepool	2
Crewe	8	York	2
Darlington	5	Gateshead	2
Lincoln	0	Hallifax	0
New Brighton	6	Hull	1
Rochdale	5	Southport	0
Rotherham	0	Doncaster	0
Stockport	3	Oldham	1

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SOUTH AFRICA'S GREAT RECOVERY

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EDRICH FAILS AGAIN BUT GIBB PASSES HALF CENTURY

Johannesburg, To-day.

South Africa, who at close of play on Monday appeared to be in a precarious position made a brilliant recovery when play was resumed yesterday morning.

Chiefly responsible was H. Dalton (102), K. Viljoen (50) and A. B. C. Langton (not out 64) who between them raised the score from 166 for 5 wickets to within 32 runs of the England total.

In sunny warm weather, with a wicket still good and only showing the slightest signs of wear, 22,000 people—the record attendance previously was 18,000 when South Africa played Australia in 1936—saw Mitchell and Viljoen open to Farnes and Verity.

Both batsmen were extremely cautious, but Mitchell was beaten by an inswinger from Farnes, the last ball of the second over, after adding only one run to his overnight score. He had hit only three boundaries in an innings which had lasted 240 minutes. He was patience personified, and revealed a skilful defence.

Joined by Dalton, who survived three appeals for l.b.w., Viljoen batted steadily till lunch, which was taken with the score at 256 for 6, Viljoen 36 and Dalton 48, respectively.

On the resumption, Viljoen appeared very confident. However, in attempting a drive he played on to Wilkinson with his score at 50. He batted for 162 minutes and hit five fours. Bond, who succeeded him, did not survive his first ball, a top-spinner from Wilkinson beating his bat and resulted in him being given out for obstruction.

Dalton was the next to go, being caught by Edrich off Verity shortly after he had completed his century. He batted for 201 minutes and his ninings was punctuated by powerful off driving. He found the fence on nine occasions. Langton, who was undefeated for 64 in 96 minutes, batted breezily, hitting anything overpitched with great severity. He hit Goddard and Wilkinson for sixers and found the boundary on five other occasions.

Davies did not last very long, Verity disturbing his bails before he had opened his scoring and the South African team were out for 390 runs scored in 426 minutes.

P. A. Gibb, the Cambridge wicketkeeper, kept wicket after lunch instead of Ames, who had a sore finger and who fielded on the boundary.

Most successful, England bowler was Verity, who took 4 for 61 while Goddard, who did the "hat-trick" yesterday did not take another wicket and finished up with 3 for 54.

Opening England's second innings 82 runs to the good, Edrich was caught by Mitchell off Gordon for 10, but Gibb, his partner, and Paynter, played out time and took the score to 103 for 1 at the close of play, Gibb being then 53 not out and Paynter 32 not out.—Reuter.

UNIVERSITY ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

The annual cricket match between "Past" and "Present" of the Hong Kong University will be played on the University ground on New Year's day, January 1, commencing at 11 a.m. Following will represent the "Past": E. Zimmermann (Capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, J. Barrow, J. L. Youngsaye, C. W. Lam, E. L. Gosano, W. H. King, D. Hung, S. V. Gittins, F. R. Zimmermann, A. T. Lee, Scorer—S. C. Ho.

TEST SCORE BOARD

ENGLAND—1st Innings—422

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ENGLAND—2nd Innings

Edrich, c Mitchell, b Gordon . . . 10
P. A. Gibb, not out . . . 53
Paynter, not out . . . 32
Extras . . . 8

Total (for 1 wkt.) . . . 103

Fall of wickets:—1 for 38 (Edrich).

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SOUTH AFRICA—1st Innings

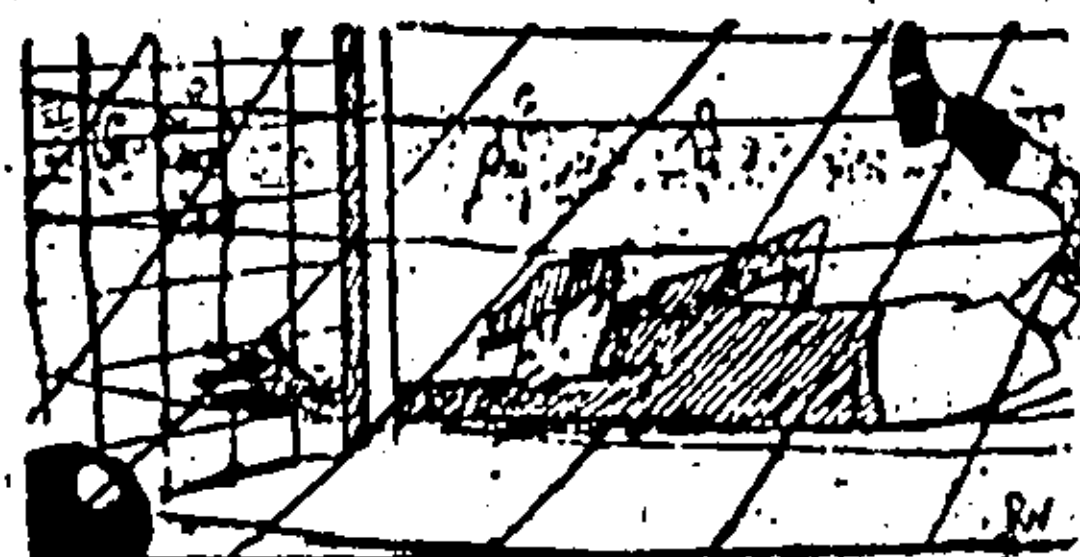
B. Mitchell, b Farnes . . . 73
P. Vanderbyl l.b.w., b Verity . . . 4
Alan Melville, c and b Verity . . . 0
A. D. Nourse, c and b Goddard . . . 73
N. Gordon st., Ames, b Goddard . . . 0
W. Wade, b Goddard . . . 0
N. K. Viljoen, b Wilkinson . . . 50
G. Bond l.b.w., b Wilkinson . . . 0
E. L. Dalton, c Edrich, b Verity . . . 102
A. B. C. Langton, not out . . . 64
E. Q. Davies, b Verity . . . 0
Extras . . . 24

Total . . . 390

Fall of Wickets:—1 for 41 (Vanderbyl), 2 for 44 (Melville), 3 for 160 (Nourse), 4 for 160 (Gordon), 5 for 160 (Wade), 6 for 173 (Mitchell), 7 for 281 (Viljoen), 8 for 281 (Bond), 9 for 373 (Dalton), 10 for 390 (Davies).

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	23	1	87	1
Edrich	9	0	44	0
Verity	44.1	16	61	4
Hammond	10	3	27	0
Wilkinson	22	0	93	2
Goddard	27	5	54	3



YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE RESULTS AND SCORERS:

The following are yesterday's League results.

SECOND DIVISION
Royal Scots 1 South China (Ip Fun-po) 1
(Slade)
5th A.A. Regiment, R.A. 2 Eastern (Clavert and Coughlan) 2 (Mok Ping-wah & Woo Chi-liang)
Kwong Wah 6 Ordnance 3 (Lam Wing-kim, Chung Fook-cheung (2), Lam Fook-cheung, Young (2)) (Embersen, Duffield and Lang)

THIRD DIVISION "A"
South China 2 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. 0
(Lee You-leung and Wan Cheuk-sang)
P.W.D. 0 30th R.A. (Guy and Hall)

THIRD DIVISION "B"
Stonecutters 2 A.S.A. 0
(Chapman 2)



Sabu, the 15-year-old film actor has only missed two matches with Beaconsfield Rovers, a junior football team for whom he has been playing for six months. He missed these two games because he was acting in "The Drum". Since he has been playing for the Rovers he has averaged one goal a match. Photo shows Sabu, seen with Turban in a tackle with one of the Wycombe Technical School Old Boys. (Copyright, Fox).

Mary Suffiad Establishes Ladies' Softball Mark Wahoos Trip Up Canadian Ladies:

G. H. FOWLER GIVES C.B.A. FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON

(By GRANDSTAND)

ON Boxing Day in spite of Christmas hang-overs, a large crowd turned out at King's Park to witness two interesting Softball League matches. In the morning, Canadian Ladies were nosed out by the young Wahoos, 14—9. In the afternoon C.B.A. men, playing on their own ground, won their first game of the season at the expense of the hard fighting Trojans by 14—13.

The Canadian Ladies — Wahoo game was a ding-dong affair, but was one of the most exciting tussles played on the Filipino Club ground.

The standard of play was much better than in former Ladies League games. Until the sixth inning it was anybody's game with the score 7—5, but at this stage, the "Maple Leaf" team lost their grip allowing two costly runs. In the last stanza, the Wahoos garnered five more runs to cinch the game.

Mary Loule, who pitched for the Canadians, almost set a new record by striking out 10 batters, but she spoiled this feat by allowing an equal number of batters to take first base on balls.

Yvonne Yolle and Mary Suffiad, both playing for the Wahoos, were the outstanding players of the game. Yvonne, five times at bat, made four hits bringing in four runs. Mary Suffiad set a new record (for ladies!) by stealing four bases in a game.

MEN'S HITTING DUEL
The C.B.A.-Trojan fracas was a hitting duel, C.B.A. registering 13 hits against the Trojans' 14. The game was full of thrills from the second inning till the end. In the seventh frame, the score was knot-

ted 13—13, but Trojans were unsuccessful in scoring in this innings. C.B.A., who batted last, managed to squeeze in the winning run scored by George Fowler, who made a desperate attempt to win his own game. George Fowler, pitching for the first time in a League game, did very well indeed and C.B.A. will do well in keeping George on the mound for the rest of their games this season.

George also knocked a homer for good measure.

C.B.A. played unusually good baseball in this game. Third sacker McNider, was rather erratic and almost lost the game for C.B.A., but redeemed himself by clouting a home-run, bringing in two runs ahead of him.

BOXING DAY RESULTS

AT A GLANCE

	Men's League	
C.B.A.	14 Trojans	13
	Ladies' League	
Wahoos	14 Canadian Ladies	9

GODBY'S GALLANT EFFORT

But Club Win By 10 Wickets

Forced to follow on 179 runs in arrears, Army, despite a gallant effort by Capt. Godby, who scored 65, were well beaten by Club in the first match of the Triangular Tournament Cricket series, played over Monday and yesterday at the Hong Kong Cricket Club.

Hatfield at No. 10 also batted sturdily, but it was a forlorn hope and Richardson and Ride knocked off the required runs without loss.

HONG KONG C.C.				
First Innings	293			
Second Innings				
J. E. Richardson, not out	7			
L. T. Ride, not out	12			
Extras	5			
Total (no wickets)	24			
Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hatfield	4	2	8	0
Paterson	3	1	11	0
ARMY				
First Innings				
Driver Logan, b Longfield	4			



Cpl. Webb, c Pearce, b Beck	1			
Lt. C. M. M. Man, c Longfield, b Owen Hughes	4			
Capt. C. E. Godby, lbw., b Owen Hughes	32			
Lt. Weedon, b McLellan	25			
Major Swyers, c and b McLellan	0			
Sgt. Painter, c Pearce, b Owen Hughes	11			
Major Baker, b McLellan	9			
Capt. Lawrence, not out	21			
Pte. Hatfield, lbw., b McLellan	4			
P. S. M. Paterson, b McLellan	0			
Extras	3			
Total	114			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Longfield	2	1	4	1
Owen Hughes	23	7	45	3
Beck	3	0	20	1
McLellan	19	4	42	5

Second Innings				
Capt. Lawrence, c Ride, b Longfield	0			
Driver Logan, c Stokes, b Longfield	18			
Cpl. Webb, b Owen Hughes	11			
Lt. Man, lbw., b Owen Hughes	2			
Capt. Godby, b McLellan	65			
Lt. Weedon, c Longfield, b Beck	27			
Major Swyers, b Pearce	5			
Sgt. Painter, c McLellan, b Beck	17			
Major Baker, b Beck	2			
Pte. Hatfield, not out	32			

PERCY ALLISS'S NEW GOLF APPOINTMENT

Percy Alliss, who recently resigned his post as a professional to the Temple Newsam Club, Leeds, is taking up a similar appointment with the Ferndown Club, Dorset. Alliss begins his duties at Ferndown early in the new year.

Alliss has been one of Britain's foremost professionals for many years. He spent many seasons with the Wannsee Club, Berlin, during which time he won several German and other championships. Three times he played for Great Britain against America in Ryder Cup matches, and his most notable success this year was the winning of the Penfold League tournament. Alliss, playing in his last West Yorkshire Alliance competition, in partnership with G. Rothery, won the chief award with a score of 69 at Huddersfield.

P. S. M. Paterson, c Stokes, b Owen Hughes	11			
Extras	8			
Total	198			
Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Longfield	15	4	45	2
Owen Hughes	14.2	2	42	3
McLellan	5	0	22	1
Beck	15	3	33	3
Pearce	10	1	48	1

OUR LONDON AIR MAIL SPORTS NEWS

When Golf Course Upkeep Cost 6s.

Tribute was paid to the history and sporting spirit of the Bruntsfield Allied Golf Club, which has written records dating back to 1856, at the annual dinner which was held in the Royal British Hotel, Edinburgh, recently. Mr. W. M. McKinnlay, the captain, presided, and the official guests were Mr. George St Clair Murray, Mr. George Roberts, Rugby and golf internationalist, and Mr. Frank Moran hon. president of the Club. After the loyal toast had been honoured.

Mr. J. Ironside proposed the toast of the Club, of which the spirit remained unchanged through many changes that had taken place in its time. The spirit of sportsmanship had permeated the Club from its earliest days when, as the minutes showed, 6s sufficed for course upkeep, and 6d a week was paid to the boy who put the flags out. It was clubs such as this that had carried with real traditions of the game, and had helped to make golf the world-wide game it had become. (Applause.)

Mr. McKinnlay, in reply, said that the courses in and around Edinburgh were second to none, and their club were privileged to have the courtesy of these courses for their outings, and they gave their best thanks to the clubs for this courtesy. The Bruntsfield Allied were proud of their heritage. (Applause.)

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Davis Loses Eleven Frames In A Row To Brown

People again crowded Thurston's Hall, London, to see Joe Davis trying to give 35 points start in each frame to Alce Brown, the comparatively unknown Londoner, by they had to sit and watch a solo performance of high-class snooker play by Brown.

Brown won all six frames in the afternoon to increase his lead at the interval to 13-5, and then he took the first five at night — 11 frames in a row in one day from the champion, to gain the comfortable lead of 18-6.

The handicapper, it seems, has set Davis his greatest task in this Daily Mail gold cup tournament heat, and only a phenomenal burst of scoring by the champion will stop Brown now.

This is the first time Brown has won all six frames in a session of a first-class match but the modestly remarked to a reporter afterwards, "People don't realise what it means to give 35 points. I wouldn't like to try and give it to a good amateur."

In nearly every game Brown immediately got in with a break of 20 or 30, to make it almost impossible to catch him. His position was made even more secure by Davis's poor form. Brown potted confidently from every angle, and manoeuvred the cue ball beautifully, but Davis' time and again was guilty of extraordinary misses. Time and again Davis appeared to have the position for a good break, but failed at an ordinary straight-forward shot.

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Galento's Victory Over Thomas

"Two Ton" Tony Galento, the battling bartender of New Jersey, knocked out the St. Louis negro, Otis Thomas, in the ninth round of a heavy-weight contest billed for twelve rounds, at St. Louis.

Galento, who is ranked in America as the premier challenger to the world title held by Joe Louis, had a 19 lbs weight advantage. He scaled 16 at 3 lbs, whereas Thomas was 14 at 12 lbs.

Thomas fought very hard, especially towards the end, and had a slight advantage until he was knocked out. Galento had the eighth round taken away from him, as he was hitting low. The referee stopped the fight for a few moments during the round and threatened to proclaim Thomas the winner. The negro's manager, however, said that he did not wish for victory in such a manner, and he asked that the fight might continue.

Thomas has never before lost a decision in St. Louis, where he has fought most of his bouts, and he numbers among his victims Isidore Gastanaga, the Cuban heavy-weight who has beaten John Henry Lewis.

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Scotland's Soccer Triumph

HUNGARIANS TOO EXACT IN APPROACH METHODS AND SCOTS RECOVER WELL

(By AIR MAIL)

SCOTLAND 3 HUNGARY 1

Contrary to expectations, the Hungarians were not "food" for the Scottish lions at Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow, yesterday. There were no thrills and little excitement, but the crowd appreciated the football exhibition, in which both sides—especially the visitors—used the ball cleverly and well.

From a match-winning point of view, the tactics of the Scots—when they were at full strength—were more profitable. The Hungarians were too exact in placing the ball to the feet of a colleague with insufficient pace to allow him to make progress in his stride. They stopped the ball, played it backwards and forwards in a manner that allowed the Scottish defence to recover and cover. Furthermore, the Hungarian defenders showed little aptitude at recovering once they were beaten.

But they provided us with a football star of the first magnitude—centre forward Dr. Sarosy. He came with a grand reputation; he has gone with that reputation enhanced.

I cannot think of a Soccer move he did not have. He could "kill" the ball, trail it, pass it right or left with crisp accuracy or send it beyond the back for his wingers to run on to collect.

He was also good in the air, and the one player to show outstanding individuality. Yes, Sarosy could find a place in any of our league teams.

The Scottish team disappointed. The conditions were in all their favour; even when at full strength and the inspiration of a 3-goal lead, they never took a commanding hold of the game.

Without Black who was taken to the Western Infirmary to have his injured shoulder X-rayed, they were the inferior team. The handicap appeared to be more than they could overcome.

It was a pity Black had to leave the field. He was striking up a happy partnership with Gillick, and scored a brilliant opportunist goal.

BAD CLEARANCE

All four goals, however, were in a way unsatisfactory. Our first was from a penalty. The second the result of a bad clearance by the goalkeeper which dropped at Black's feet 25 yards out. The Hearts man wasted no time in despatching it back to the net.

The third by Gillick, was a tragedy from the Hungarian angle. The full-back was allowing a long-driven ball to go to his goalkeeper, who had come out, but the ball struck the defender's heel, and our outside left, who was following up, had merely to place it in an empty goal. The Hungarians' goal was from a doubtful penalty.

The game started in an open, carefree manner. Scotland got a fright when Sarosy manoeuvred well and sent Cseh through the middle with a perfect pass. The inside right shot well, and Dawson had to go full length to save. Gyetvay came running in to make certain: Dawson got to the ball again and turned it away from the winger's foot. Toldi got possession, but from an awkward position turned the ball over the bar.

BRILLIANT SAVE

The crowd enjoyed this, but not the Scottish team. They came through, and Shankly, one of the few successes of our team, drove a brilliant low left-foot shot from 25 yards. Szabo made a brilliant full-length save.

Their goalkeeper had one bad fault—he palmed out high balls instead of clutching them—and it almost proved costly. One such save went to Gillick who headed the ball back to Walker. From a few yards the inside right shot, but Szabo brought off a grand save.

In 18 minutes Black was brought down in the penalty area, and Walker crashed the ball into the net from the spot. Szabo went the wrong way. I doubt if he saw the ball as it left Walker's foot.

GLORIOUS CHANCE MISSED

The visitors were playing good football in the open, but were weak near goal. Cseh missed a glorious chance. In 25 minutes Black scored a second for Scotland and in other two minutes Gillick registered a third.

Scotland seemed to have it easy now. The speed of McSpadyen and the cunning of Gillick repeatedly placed the Hungarian goal in danger.

Then came Black's injury. The inside left was the victim of a

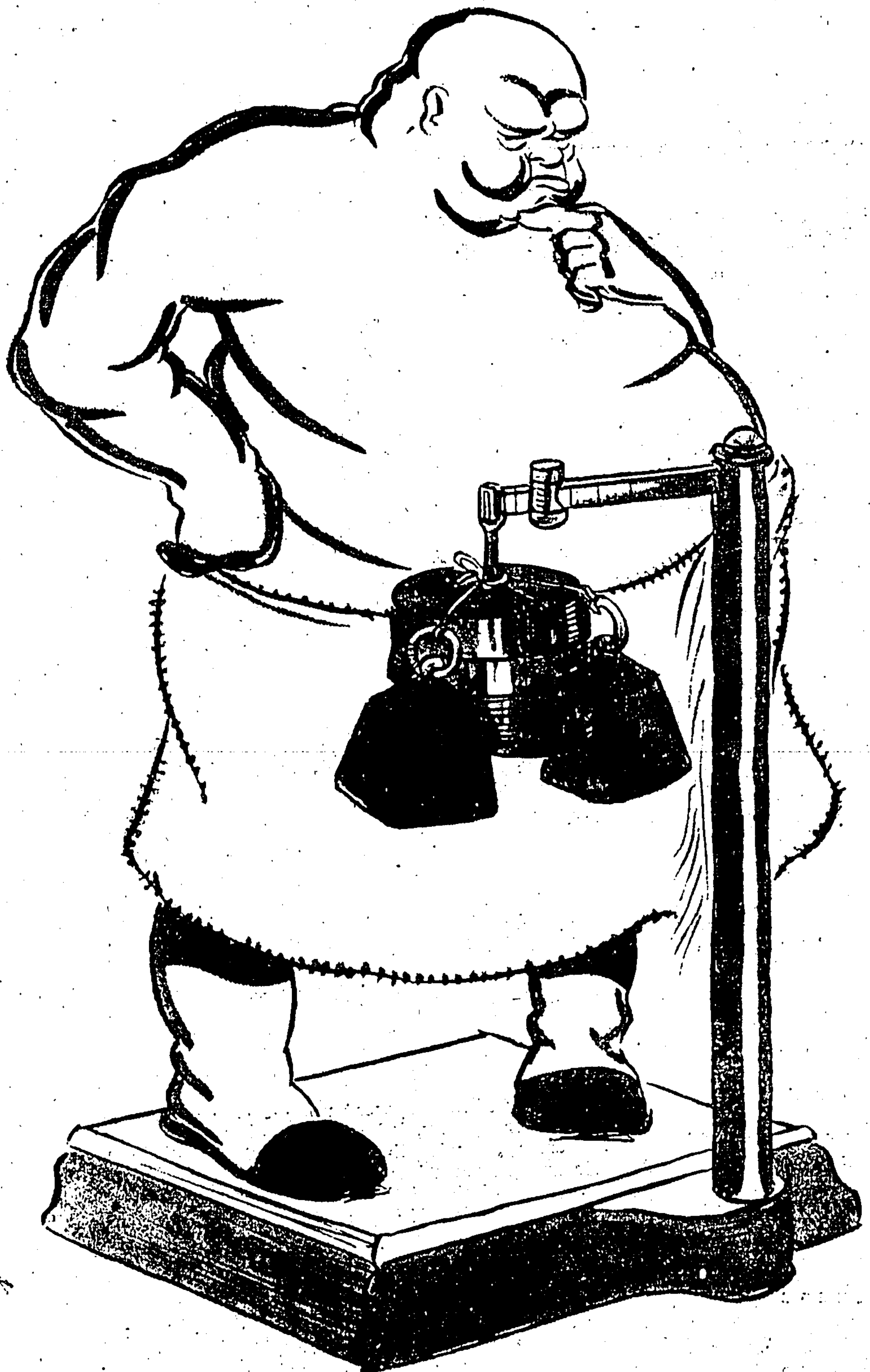
vigorous shoulder charge and left the field with his arm hanging limp.

HUNGARY ON TOP

The second half was mostly in Hungary's favour, and the crowd cheered them on. Dawson made some brilliant close-in saves. In 25 minutes Sarosy scored from a penalty when a cross from the right got Beattie's hand. They might have scored more, but so might Scotland. McCulloch was a simmer on at least two occasions when, with only the goalkeeper to beat, he missed the goal.

Scotland—Dawson; Anderson, Beattie; Shankly, Baxter, Symon; McSpadyen, Walker, McCulloch, Black, Gillick. Hungary—Szabo; Korany, Biro; Polgar, Turay, Dudas; Fitkos, Cseh, Sarosy, Toldi, Gyetvay.

Referee—H. Natrass (Sunderland).



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12.30 p.m.—Herbert Groh (Tenor) and Orchestre Raymonde.
Song Of The Vagabonds (from 'The Vagabond King'—Friml); Only A Rose (from 'The Vagabond King'—Friml).... Orchestre Raymonde cond. by G. Walter.

Loveliest Woman Of Vienna—Waltz Song (Warden); Moonlight In Venice—Venetian Gondola Song (Hauser).... Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German).

Manhattan Moonlight (Alter); Manhattan Serenade (Alter).... Orchestre Raymonde.

Because I Love You, Bella Lucia? (Schute); You Lovely Ladies (Siegel).... Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German).

Love Is My Life—Waltz (Strauss—arr. G. Walter).... Orchestre Raymonde with Vocal Quintette.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Beethoven—Trio In D Major, Op. 70, No. 1. Hephzibah Menuhin (Piano), Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Maurice Eisenberg (Cello).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Dance Music & Variety.

Quick Step—Avalon.... Val Rosing & His Swing Stars.

Vocal—Parisian Pierrott (Coward).... Noel Coward acc. by The Phoenix Theatre Orch. London cond. by Clifford Greenwood.

Dance Orch.—Sophisticated Lady—Slow Fox-Trot; Jealous—Fox-Trot.... Nat. Gonella & His Georgians with vocal refrain.

Humorous—John Henry's Ghost.... John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge.

Dance Orch.—La Comparsa—Cuban Dance; Bellita—Rumba.... Don Barreto & His Cuban Orchestra.

Vocal—Alice Delysia Memories.... Alice Delysia (Soprano) with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Frank Titterton (Tenor) and New Light Symphony Orchestra.
Raymond—Overture (Thomas).... New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Asthore (Trotter); Beauty's Eyes (Tosti).... Frank Titterton (Tenor) with Fred Hartley & His Quintet.

Buffoon (Confrey).... New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Songs That Live Forever (Lockton, Longstaffe).... Frank Titterton (Tenor) with Fred Hartley & His Quintet.

Cavatina (Raff); Solemn Melody (Davies).... New Light Symphony Orchestra.

6.30 p.m.—Wilfred Thomas, Elsie & Doris Waters and London Piano-Accordeon Orchestra.

Good Evening! Pretty Lady (Dameroll & Evans).... London Piano-Accordeon Band directed by Scott Wood.

Gert, Daisy And The Knot-Hole; The Coronation Girls.... Elsie and Doris Waters (Comediennes with Orchestra).

Where The Mountains Meet The Sea (Butler & Tilsley); Remembrance (Green and Melfi).... The London Piano-Accordeon Band directed by Scott Wood.

Songs Of The Sandman.... Wilfrid Thomas (Baritone) with Piano accomp.

One Night In Monte Carlo (Sherman & Lewis); There'll Never be Another You (Harry Woods).... London Piano-Accordeon Band directed by Scott Wood.

6.58 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Your Heart And Mine; Keep A Twinkle In Your Eye.... Billy Cotton and His Band with Vocal Chorus.

Fox-Trots—Blue Danube Swing; Night Ride.... Eddie Carroll & His Swingphonic Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—Once In A While; Waltz—Giannina Mia (film 'Firefly').... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

Tangos—Viejos Tiempos; Condona.... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—Slipping Through My Fingers; It's Love Again.... Low Stone & His Band.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—'For What We Have Received'. A Gastronomical Guide for Gullible Gourmands—Incorporating Expert Advice on the Pleasures of the Table and Under It. By A. K. Hamilton Jenkin. Produced by John Cheatile.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Mozart—Quintet in C Major, K. 515. Pro Arte Quartet and Alfred Hobday (2nd Viola).

8.40 p.m.—Excerpts from Mozart's 'The Magic Flute'.

In diesen heil'gen Hallen.... Strienz. Seid uns zum zweiten Mal willkommen.... Beilke, Spletter, Berglund.

Ach, ich fühl's, es ist verschwunden.... Lemnitz.

O Isis und Osiris, welche Wonnen!.... Chorus.

Soll ich dich, Teurer, nicht mehr sehn?... Lemnitz, Strienz, Roswaenge.

...and Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.

9 p.m.—London Relay—'Empire Exchange'. Points of view by travellers from the Dominions & Colonies.

9.15 p.m.—Paderewski at the Piano. Variations In F Minor (Haydn).

Mazurka In A Flat Major, Op. 59, No. 2 (Chopin).

Mazurka In D Major, Op. 33, No. 2 (Chopin).

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Songs by Gigli (Tenor).

It is You (Sandoval).... (Sung in Spanish) with Orchestra.

Say you will not forget (Furno-de Curtis); Mille Cherubini In Coro (Senatra-Schubert-Melichar).... (Sung in Italian) with Orchestra.

10 p.m.—London Relay—'In Town To-night'. Introducing unusual stories from every walk of life, flashes from the news of the week, and 'Standing on the Corner' (interviews with the man in the street). Produced by C. F. Meehan.

10.30 p.m.—Dvorak—Quintet In A Major, Op. 81. Artur Schnabel and The Pro Arte Quartet.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A 5 4 2
 ♥ A J 2
 ♦ A K 6 5 3
 ♣ 4

♠ Q 6
 ♥ 8 5 2
 ♦ J 10 7 4
 ♣ A J 7 2

♠ K J 10 8
 ♥ 10 9
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ K 10 9

♠ 9 7 2
 ♥ K Q 8 7 4
 ♦ Q 3
 ♣ Q 6 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of spades. Declarer won with the Ace.

in dummy. Now, while there were several ways of surely making the hand, Declarer started to misplay it as follows: First he played the three top diamonds. East ruffed the third lead with the nine and Declarer discarded a low spade. East now played the King of spades and continued with the Jack. Declarer ruffing with the Queen and West discarding the deuce of clubs. Declarer now played the four of hearts, went up with the Ace in dummy, led a low diamond, trumped with the seven of hearts and played a low club.

At this point West had the hand counted, and saw that if he could get in to lead a trump, he would beat the contract. His first thought was to play the Ace of clubs so his partner could not possibly overtake, but he felt that conceivably Declarer might have the King of clubs, in which case the play of the Ace would chuck the hand. Accordingly he played the Jack, which he felt should be a high enough card to win the trick. However, East started to think, and poor West knew he was gone. Sure enough, after mature deliberation East clattered up with the King and played his last spade, whereupon Declarer made the rest of the tricks on a cross-ruff!

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE STAR—"My Heart Is Calling." A Jan Kiepura picture bringing delightful music and a great deal of fun to the screen. The tenor sings in the most unexpected places: on the embarkment quay, from the mast head of a liner, in a business office, and in front of the Opera house at Monte Carlo. Marta Eggerth, playing the leading lady, sings and dances, while Sonnie Hale does his "business" with untiring energy.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Reformatory" with Jack Holt, Bobby Jordan and Charlotte Wynters. The picture exposes the horrors of reform school of America.

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Paris, To-day.

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The Governor of Somaliland, it is asserted, has asked the Government to take immediate measures to reinforce military and naval outposts.

The same message says that the Egyptian Government has received information about the despatch of Italian troops to the southern part of Libya and that, in view of impending diplomatic talks, the Egyptian Government looks upon this action as an "ominous sign." — Trans-Ocean.

"DENIAL UNNECESSARY"

Rome, To-day.

Competent Italian quarters deem it unnecessary to issue an official denial of the rumours circulated by the "Soir" and the "Daily Telegraph" about a concentration of Italian troops in North Africa.

The Italian newspapers reproduce

C.E.C. MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE

Chungking, To-day.

The fifth plenary session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, scheduled to meet on December 15, did not meet on the appointed date.

Strict secrecy has been maintained on the question, and only now have the authorities allowed to be published the news that the meeting did not take place as planned.

It is declared that the session has been postponed but the new date is not being released for publication.—Reuter.

the London and Paris reports with ironic comments.

"Giornale D'Italia" says that Pertinax, on the hunt for alarming news, has squirted his poison in the hope of being able to convince British public opinion of the necessity of an Anglo-French collaboration in the Red Sea.—Trans-Ocean.

LITTLE CREDENCE

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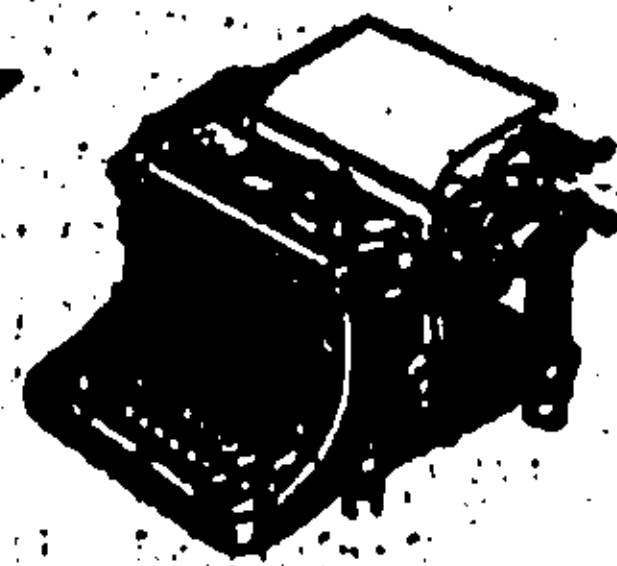
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